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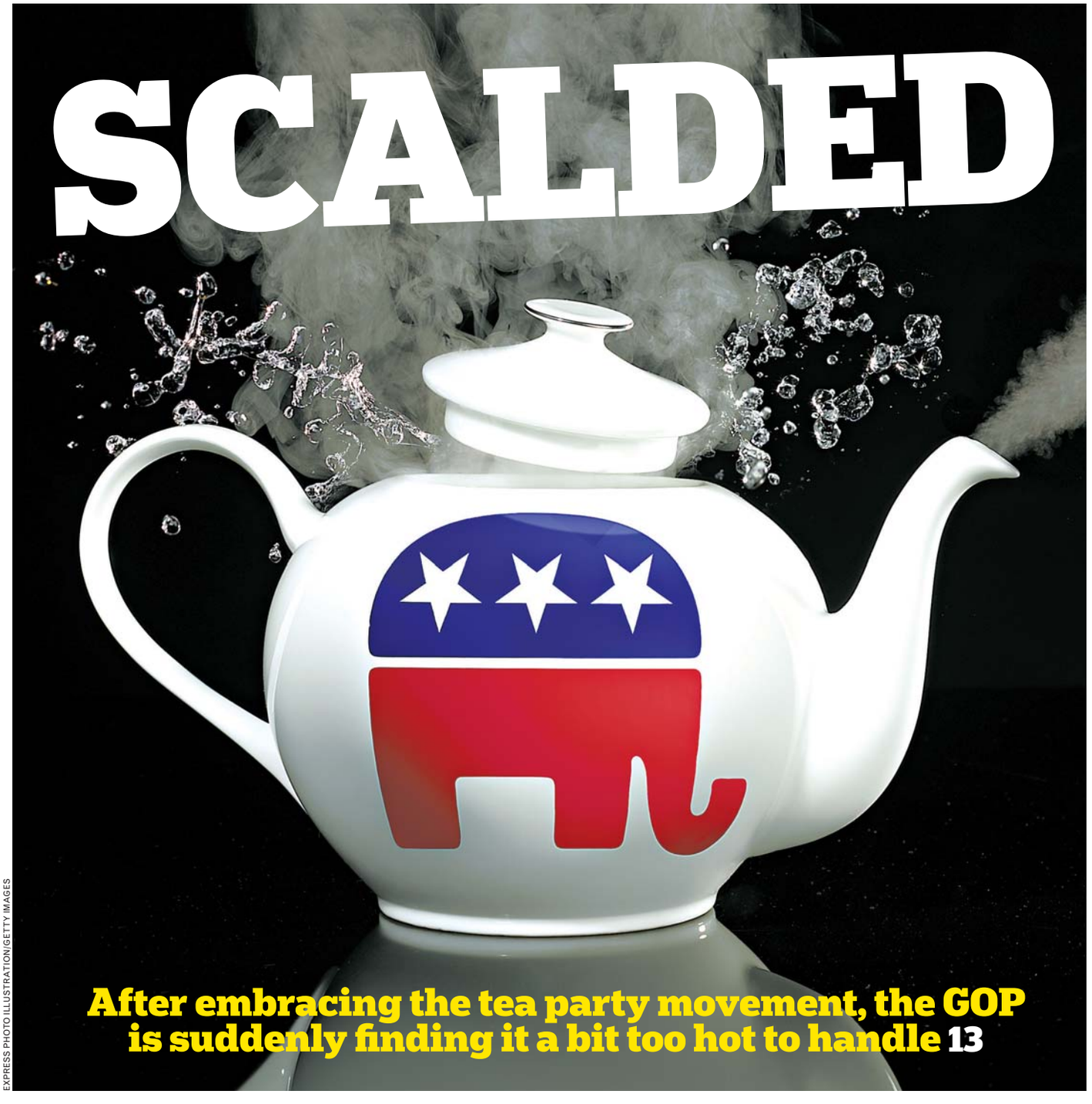

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After embracing the tea party movement, the GOP is suddenly finding it a bit too hot to handle 13

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AP

Oregon firefighters rescued a 1,500-pound pet camel from a sinkhole Tuesday. The camel, Moses, was unhurt.

Heavy Machinery Just Happened to Be Handy

A Blaine, Wash., man was arrested Monday after he crashed two cars, then got in his tow truck and tried to move the vehicles. Ryser crashed his truck into a utility pole, abandoned that vehicle and got in his wife's Volkswagen but crashed that car into a guardrail. He then got his privately owned tow truck and attempted to tow the vehicles. **(AP)**

Sure, Blame Hollywood

An Ohio sheriff says a suspicious device that caused a scare for rail workers was most likely a prop from a Denzel Washington movie. Fred Abdalla says the device, resembling two sticks of dynamite, was detonated by a bomb squad Tuesday and turned out to be harmless. He suspects it was a prop left behind by a film crew that was in the area earlier this year making "Unstoppable," a thriller about a runaway train. **(AP)**

The Big Picture

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BABY ANIMALS! In Melbourne, Australia, a 5-day-old Asian elephant explored his quarters on Wednesday. Meanwhile, in Zurich, Switzerland, four lion cubs born in July made their official public debut. **(EXPRESS)**

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NBC newscaster Edwin Newman, shown in 1976, died on Aug. 13 of pneumonia.

NEW YORK

Former TV Newscaster Edwin Newman Dies

Edwin Newman, who brought energy to NBC newscasts for more than three decades, and battled linguistic pretense in his best-sellers "Strictly Speaking" and "A Civil Tongue," has died. He was 91. Newman died on Aug. 13 of pneumonia in Oxford, England. The family delayed the announcement to grieve. **(AP)**

WASHINGTON

Elizabeth Warren Tapped For White House Position

A Democratic official says the White House will appoint Wall Street critic Elizabeth Warren to a position in the Treasury Department that will allow her to oversee the creation of a new consumer protection agency. However, the role will not require Warren to be confirmed by the Senate. She would report to both Treasury and the White House. **(AP)**

Arlington Hit With More Errors

Cemetery questioned after three bodies are found in wrong spots

Washington

The remains of Marine Pvt. Heath Warner were positively identified Wednesday morning after his coffin was exhumed from the grounds of Arlington National Cemetery.

Scott Warner, of Canton, Ohio, had grown concerned that his son was buried in the wrong spot after the Army released an inspector general report in June that found extensive record-keeping problems at the nation's premier military cemetery, including more than 100 unmarked graves, scores of grave sites with headstones that are not recorded on cemetery maps, and at least four burial urns that had been unearthed and dumped in an area where excess grave dirt is kept.

Warner made the confirmation about 9:15 a.m. that the remains disinterred were those of his son, who was 19 when he was killed in Iraq in 2006. He appeared to mouth the words "it's him" as he was embraced by friends and family. "I can breathe," Melissa Warner, the Marine's mother, said. "I feel like a ton of bricks have been lifted off my chest."

She said her son would be reinterred at noon Wednesday in a new coffin.

The positive identification comes three weeks after three bodies were found to be buried in the wrong spots at Arlington. The Army initially had reported that two bodies were found in the wrong spots. On Wednesday, Army spokesman Gary Tallman said that there were in fact three bodies, buried next to one another but interred in the wrong place.

Tallman would not provide additional details.

"When I heard the first disinterment was not positive, it gave me a sick feeling," Scott Warner said. "But now I'm relieved."

In a statement, Tallman said responsibility for the transfer of remains falls to the funeral home, the family and the service branch that is providing the family with casualty assistance. The cemetery "does not have any responsibility for remains until they arrive on the cemetery grounds," he said.

The statement from Tallman continues, "We are deeply sorry for the Warner family's loss, regret their loss of confidence and are committed to taking every step necessary not only to resolve this matter to their satisfaction, but to fully restore the faith and confidence of the American people in the operation of this most hallowed ground." **CHRISTIAN DAVENPORT (THE WASHINGTON POST)**

JACQUELYN MARTIN/AP

Arlington Cemetery's reputation of record-keeping problems grew on Wednesday.

"My son deserves to have the dignity of being in the right place."

— **SCOTT WARNER,** BEFORE THE WEDNESDAY EXHUMATION OF HIS SON, MARINE PVT. HEATH WARNER.

HEALTH

New research shows that smoking bans spare many children with asthma from being hospitalized, a finding that suggests smoke-free laws have even greater health benefits than previously believed. The study looked at asthma-related hospitalizations of kids, which fell 13 percent a year after smoking was barred in 2006 from workplaces and public buildings, including bars and restaurants. **(AP)**

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Pipeline Safety on Trial

Congress examines doubling penalties for serious violations

Washington

The Obama administration wants Congress to tighten oversight for U.S pipelines and more than double penalties for some safety violations in response to a deadly gas explosion in California and a major oil spill in Michigan.

Legislation sent to Congress Wednesday would increase from $1 million to $2.5 million the maximum fine for the most serious pipeline violations involving deaths, injuries or major environmental harm, the Department of Transportation said. It also would pay for an additional 40 inspectors and safety regulators over the next four years.

The proposal follows several accidents, including last week's huge gas explosion in suburban San Francisco, that have called attention to the nation's aging pipelines and how they are monitored. Transportation Secretary Ray LaHood said his department "needs stronger authority to ensure the continued safety and reliability of our nation's pipeline network."

Congress is expected to recess for November elections in the next two to three weeks, making it unlikely a bill can be enacted within the next two months. Rep. James Oberstar, D-Minn. and chairman of the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee — which was holding a hearing Wednesday on the Michigan oil spill — said he wants to "scrub" the proposal with the help of administration officials and lawmakers from both parties before the recess so that a bill can clear the pipeline subcommittee.

"I do think there is urgency," Oberstar said.

The department's proposal would eliminate exemptions from safety regulations for pipelines that gather hazardous liquids upstream of transmission pipelines, the department said.

Some Republican committee members criticized the department for not submitting legislation to extend authority for the pipeline administration's operations, due to expire on Sept. 30. **JOAN LOWY (AP)**

MANUEL BALCE CENETA/AP

Darla Thorpe testifies on the recent Enbridge oil pipeline failure in Marshall, Mich.

New Regulations

Deputy Transportation Secretary John Porcari told the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee that the department is also crafting regulations to enhance pipeline safety, including requiring the installation of emergency flow restricting devices on some pipelines and changing valve distances. The regulations would be separate from the legislative proposal. **(AP)**

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Fake-Pot Law Outfoxed

Store owners dodge ban by changing chemical formula

Columbia, Mo.

Authorities in 13 states thought they were acting to curb a public health threat when they outlawed a form of synthetic marijuana known as K2, a concoction of dried herbs sprayed with chemicals.

But before the laws took effect, many stores that did a brisk business in fake pot had already gotten around the bans by making slight changes to K2's chemical formula, creating knockoffs with names such as "K3," or "Heaven Scent."

"It's kind of pointless," said University of Missouri sophomore Brittany May after purchasing a K2 alternative called "BoCoMo Dew" at a Columbia smoke shop. "They're just going to come up with another thing."

Barely six months after Kansas adopted the nation's first ban on K2, even police acknowledge that the laws are all but meaningless because merchants can so easily offer legal alternatives.

KELLEY MCCALL/AP

K2, a concoction of dried herbs sprayed with chemicals, is banned in 13 states.

Until a year ago, products such as K2 were virtually unknown in the United States. Clemson University chemistry professor John Huffman developed the compounds in 1995 while researching the effect of cannabinoids, the active compounds found in marijuana.

Huffman had little reason to believe his lab work would morph into a commercial product. He calls users of K2 and its chemical cousins "idiots" and has little faith that the bans will deter manufacturers or consumers. "Is the ban on marijuana effective?" he said.

The bans were adopted by lawmakers or public health officials in Alabama, Arkansas, Georgia, Hawaii, Iowa, Illinois, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, Missouri, North Dakota and Tennessee. ALAN SCHER ZAGIER (AP)

Mud, Cement to Seal Blown-Out BP Well Forever

Kenner, La.

The blown-out well at the bottom of the Gulf of Mexico could be pronounced dead in a matter of days.

Retired Coast Guard Adm. Thad Allen, the government's point man for the oil spill, said Wednesday that the relief well BP has been drilling all summer long should intersect the ruptured well within 24 hours. He said mud and cement will then be pumped in, sealing the hole once and for all by Sunday.

"We are within a 96-hour window of killing the well," Allen said nearly five months after the disaster unfolded with an explosion aboard an offshore drilling rig April 20 that killed 11 workers.

The news came on the same day the Obama administration announced it will require oil and gas companies to plug idle wells in the Gulf to make sure they don't leak. No oil has spewed into the Gulf since a temporary cap was put on the busted BP well in mid-July. As of Wednesday morning, crews

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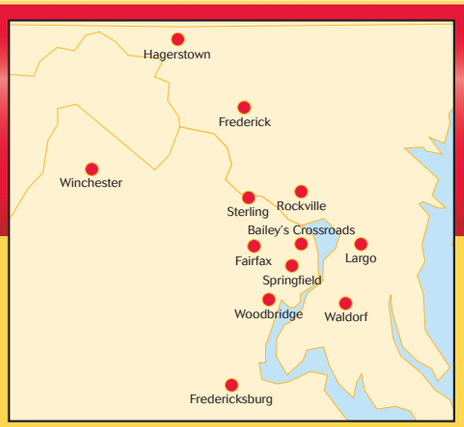

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Fishermen try to secure their boats as Tropical Storm Karl arrives in Mexico.

CANCUN, MEXICO

Tropical Storm Karl Hits Mexico's Yucatan Area

A strong Tropical Storm Karl made landfall on Mexico's Yucatan Peninsula on Wednesday, hitting a sparsely populated stretch of Caribbean coast, while two Category 4 hurricanes roared further out in the Atlantic. Karl made landfall about 30 miles up the coast from the Quintana Roo state capital of Chetumal, with winds of about 63 to 65 mph, according to the U.S. National Hurricane Center in Miami. **(AP)**

ABUJA, NIGERIA

Nigerian President Uses Facebook to Say He'll Run

President Goodluck Jonathan announced Wednesday on Facebook that he will run in the oil-rich nation's January election, ending months of speculation over his plans after he assumed power following the death of Nigeria's elected leader. Jonathan's announcement, as well as a campaign rally Wednesday by former military dictator Ibrahim Babangida, signaled the start of campaigning ahead of the Jan. 22 presidential election in Africa's most populous nation. **(AP)**

U.S.-Iraqi Fallujah Raid Kills Six

Despite official end of combat, insurgents target security forces

Baghdad

U.S. and Iraqi forces launched a raid on the former insurgent stronghold of Fallujah on Wednesday, killing at least six people in the second incident this week in which American troops were involved in fighting despite the official end of combat.

Insurgents have also intensified their strikes on Iraqi security forces as they shoulder greater responsibilities with the withdrawal of U.S. forces. In far northern Iraq, a roadside bomb killed nine Iraqi soldiers.

The raid in Fallujah, a former bastion of the Sunni-led insurgency located 40 miles west of Baghdad, took place around 2 a.m. when Iraqi special forces and American troops cordoned off a neighborhood before raiding several houses, police and hospital officials said.

Maj. Rob Phillips of the U.S. military's public affairs department said American soldiers were helping Iraqi security forces in hunting down a senior al-Qaeda operative, suspected of ties to the group's highest leadership in Iraq.

Phillips said militants opened fire at the Iraqi security forces when they and the U.S. soldiers were approaching a building in which the suspected al-Qaeda operative was hiding. "The Iraqi security forces returned fire and killed four suspected militants," he said. Three militants were injured, and four were detained by Iraqi forces.

The city's Municipal Council criticized the raid and said local security forces were deliberately excluded from the operation. **HAMID AHMED (AP)**

The 50,000 Who Remain

President Obama declared the end of combat operations in Iraq on Sept. 1 when the number of American troops fell below 50,000. Although their primary focus is on training Iraqi security forces, the remaining U.S. soldiers still take part in operations against insurgents at the request of the government. The 50,000 Americans are also permitted to defend themselves and their bases. (AP)

Retirement Age Raised in France

Madrid

French workers and Spanish royalty became the latest to feel the bite of Europe's debt crisis on Wednesday as Spanish officials said the king and queen would have to tighten their belts and France's National Assembly voted to delay retirement until the ripe old age of 62.

Anger flared across the border as French lawmakers overcame vocal protests to send to the Senate a sweeping overhaul of the retirement plan, including a measure to extend working life beyond 60. The vote puts France on track to become the latest country to require workers to stay on the job longer. **(AP)**

Marines Re-enact the Battle of Inchon

LEE JIN-MAN/AP

U.S. MARINES PLAYING THE ROLES OF U.S. and South Korean generals participate in the 60th Inchon Landing Operations Commemoration Ceremony on Wednesday at sea near Inchon, South Korea, where United Nations forces landed in September 1950, just months after North Korea invaded South Korea.

Gaza Militants Threaten Talks

Jerusalem

Militants launched mortar shells into Israel and Israeli jets bombed targets in Gaza on Wednesday, just as Israeli and Palestinian leaders held peace talks in Jerusalem with U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton.

Gaza militants opposed to peace with Israel have threatened to derail the fledgling negotiations, and the Israeli military said eight mortars and one rocket hit Israel by mid-afternoon on the day of the talks — the highest daily total since March 2009. There were no injuries. **(AP)**

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Mexico Observes 200th Birthday

Amid unwavering violence, country pauses to celebrate

Mexico City

Just one day without massacres, beheadings or shootouts.

On its 200th birthday, Mexico wants its citizens — and the world — to forget its vicious drug war and remember the country's epic history, music, whimsical folk art and continuing crusade for wider prosperity and democracy.

All that was on display Wednesday with a $40 million fiesta, two years in the making. It was expected to lure hundreds of thousands of people, starting with a parade of 7,000 people, with floats and dances designed by the country's top artists and ending with a party in the main Zocalo plaza, where President Felipe Calderon delivers the traditional "Grito" — three shouts of "Viva Mexico" — to celebrate the 1810 uprising that resulted a decade later in independence from Spain.

CARLOS JASSO/AP

Mexican flags from different eras fly on Mexico's 200th birthday on Wednesday.

The celebrations continue on Thursday with a military parade through the capital. It's all meant to remind everyone how much fun it can be to be Mexican.

"It's like a Carnival of Rio, plus an Olympic ceremony, plus Woodstock all put together in the same day," said artistic director Marco Balich, who produced the opening and closing ceremonies of the 2006 Turin Winter Olympics. "For the cost of a warplane, you can celebrate the birthday of a country."

ALEXANDRA OLSON (AP)

CHECKUP

American Sarah Shourd planned a medical exam Wednesday for the first appraisal of her health after more than 13 months in an Iranian prison, said Omani officials after the country's rulers mediated a deal for a half-million dollar bail. Omani officials have offered few details since spiriting Shourd from Tehran to a royal airfield aboard a private jet. (AP)

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Tea Party Crashers

Primary election rebukes show GOP leaders have lost control of their party

Christine O'Donnell reacts after her stunning victory in Delaware on Tuesday night—a result that some political analysts say will help the Democrats retain the seat previously held by Vice President Joe Biden.

Washington

Call it a civil war, an insurrection or merely an insurgency. By any measure, the establishment leadership of the Republican Party has lost control and is now being pulled along toward an unpredictable, uncertain future.

What happened Tuesday in Delaware, where conservative Christine O'Donnell shocked moderate Rep. Michael Castle in the Senate primary, may have been the snapping point inside a party whose leaders have watched nervously as tea party activists delivered a series of embarrassing rebukes to establishment-backed candidates in primaries across the country.

The overnight reactions split dramatically inside the GOP, judging from e-mails flowing in the wee hours, as party strategists and others attempted to digest what by all accounts was the most stunning outcome in a year of surprises.

Good for the tea partiers, said some GOP strategists. They are the leading edge of an anti-Washington movement that will wipe out the Democrats in November and threaten President Obama's reelection hopes in 2012. Message trumps messenger and the message this year is stop the madness in Washington. People in, Washington out!

Not so, others argued. Politics is about addition, not subtraction. The tea party forces have substituted purity for common sense and are engaged in a purge of the Republican Party that now makes winning a Senate majority far harder in November. Whatever the outcome, the tea party movement's conservatism could leave the center of the political spectrum open to Obama and the Democrats, if the president is smart enough to reclaim it.

Whatever happens in November, the leadership of the Grand Old Party is on notice that the grass roots is watching, sternly, and is prepared to punish anyone who strays from what they perceive as party orthodoxy.

"Voters just smashed the establishment right in the teeth," said Kevin Madden, a GOP strategist. "The voters in Delaware were thoroughly uninterested in aligning themselves with the perceived status quo, to the degree that they're even willing to risk losing a Senate seat."

But Ed Rogers, a Washington lobbyist and veteran GOP strategist, said he worried that the tea party movement will cost Republicans in November. "

"The 'Party of No' is being run by its leaderless 'Hell No!' caucus," he said. "I fear on election night, we in the GOP will revel in our purity while Pelosi and Reid celebrate their reelection." DAN BALZ (THE WASHINGTON POST)

THE WINNERS CIRCLE

Anti-establishment

- In Delaware, Christine O'Donnell unseated Rep. Michael Castle, a liberal Republican in a Democratic state who had prospered politically by knowing his electorate and his party's principles.
- In New York, Republicans turned against the establishment candidate for governor, former representative Rick Lazio, in favor of a bombastic conservative businessman, Carl Paladino.
- In Nevada, **SHARRON ANGLE**, the tea party candidate, won a divisive primary and was promptly written off as too conservative and too unreliable to beat Harry Reid, the Senate Democratic leader. But Angle remains competitive. The same holds for Kentucky, where libertarian Rand Paul, the tea party-backed nominee, leads Democrat Jack Conway.

Pro-establishment

- In New Hampshire, former Attorney General **KELLY AYOTTE**—who had the backing of ex-Alaska Gov. Sarah Palin—narrowly won her state's Republican Senate primary after a closer-than-predicted race against Ovide Lamontagne and a crowded field of rivals.
- In Maryland, Former Gov. **ROBERT EHRLICH** defeated Sarah Palin-endorsed Brian Murphy for the Republican nomination on Tuesday, and Gov. Martin O'Malley won easily in the Democratic primary to set up a rematch of the 2006 governor's race.
- In Arizona, former presidential nominee John McCain used the backing of Palin, his former running mate, to overcome an early deficit to win last month.

Local

Gray: I Won't Let D.C. Regress

After loss, Fenty says he likely will never run for office again

Washington

Mayor Adrian M. Fenty pledged his support Wednesday morning for Vincent C. Gray, the council chairman who defeated Fenty in the Democratic mayoral primary Tuesday, and said he expects never to run for public office again.

"For me, this is the beginning of the end of a great 10-year run," Fenty said. "It's very probable I won't be in elected office again," Fenty said, who will turn 40 just before he steps down.

In a midday news conference, Gray thanked Fenty for his service and vowed not to "turn back any clocks on the city's progress."

KATHERINE FREY/TWP

Vincent Gray spoke outside the Washington Court Hotel Wednesday after his victory.

"I am going to spend the next seven weeks between the primary and general election reaching out to people, especially those who may not have voted for me," Gray said standing in front of the Washington Court Hotel, where he slept after his victory party.

Although Gray said he will not begin to make personnel decisions until after the general election, he was peppered with questions about the future of Michelle A. Rhee, the schools chancellor and a vocal Fenty supporter.

Gray said Wednesday that he had tried to call Rhee but had been unable to reach her. "She's busy. She's running the schools," he said.

Allowing that he had been ready to continue running the city for the next four years, Fenty said, "The citizens of the District of Columbia, by a majority vote, have decided who they want the next Democratic nominee to be." Noting that the primary winner is virtually assured election, he added, "I'll go with the majority vote and support Vincent Gray." CAROL MORELLO AND TIM CRAIG (THE WASHINGTON POST)

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Match 5 (Tues.)	14-17-21-23-38 (22)

Virginia

Mid-day Pick 3	1-1-6
Evening Pick 3 (Tues.)	5-3-1
Mid-day Pick 4	3-9-2-9
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Mid-day Cash 5	9-11-20-24-30
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Local

Baker Wins Dem Race for Prince George's Exec

Largo, Md.

Former state delegate Rushern L. Baker III will represent Democrats this November in the race for Prince George's County executive.

Baker held 44 percent of the vote Wednesday morning with 97 percent of precincts reporting, beating out four other contenders. County Sheriff Michael A. Jackson, who captured 32 percent of the vote, was his closest rival.

Baker

This was Baker's third attempt to win the Democratic nomination for county executive.

Term limits prevent current County Executive Jack Johnson, a Democrat, from seeking a third term. No Republicans vied for the GOP nomination, meaning Baker is very likely to win the November general election. (AP)

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Dynamic Duo

Gary Kubiak, left, and Kyle Shanahan, right, led the Houston Texans to one of the NFL's best offenses last season. Now Shanahan is running the Redskins' offense against his mentor.

Redskins Count on Inside Info

Team seeks to take advantage of strong ties with the Texans

The Redskins

In his year away from football, Redskins coach Mike Shanahan didn't really stay away from football. In fact, there was one team he made sure to watch on TV every Sunday. On two occasions, he even went to watch the Houston Texans, where his son, Kyle, was offensive coordinator, in person last year.

The roots of the Redskins' and Texans' organizations are tightly entangled. Shanahan and his staff know the Texans' scheme and personnel as well as they do any team in the league, and they'll try to take advantage of that knowledge when the teams meet at FedEx Field.

"Does it make it tougher? Yeah, it makes it tougher," said Texans coach Gary Kubiak, a former student of Mike Shanahan's. "But you just got to try to get your guys in the best position to be successful."

Shanahan didn't have to twist any arms when he hired his son away from the Texans. Then he hired Richard Hightower, who was with Houston from 2006 to 2008, to assist with the Redskins' special teams; Matt LaFleur, a Texans offensive assistant the past two seasons, to coach Washington's quarterbacks; and Ray Wright, who had been on Houston's strength and conditioning staff since 2002, to head the Redskins' department.

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Haynesworth Hurt

Albert Haynesworth was limited in practice Wednesday with an ankle injury, another setback for the lineman. Haynesworth's participation was revealed when the Redskins issued their injury report, long after practice had concluded. Coach Mike Shanahan did not mention Haynesworth's injury in his post-practice remarks. Haynesworth saw limited action as a backup in the Redskins' season-opening win after months of disagreements with Shanahan over offseason workouts, practices and preseason playing time. (AP)

While each brought his own skills to Washington, they also brought a wealth of knowledge about Texans players, playbook and tendencies. Publicly, Redskins coaches downplayed any advantage that might give them, but they acknowledged that Kyle Shanahan could lend a hand to defensive coaches. "A little," Kyle Shanahan conceded. "They pretty much know what they're doing, though."

Kubiak points out that Kyle Shanahan is well versed in the Texans' defense as well after working against it every day in practice.

"It's kind of a mind game between [Kyle and] their defensive coordinator because they know each other so well," said quarterback Rex Grossman, who played for Houston last year. "Bottom line is, it boils down to execution."

RICK MAESE (THE WASHINGTON POST)

In Brief

GETTY IMAGES

Ricky Williams is hopeful that there won't be a work stoppage in 2011.

PRO FOOTBALL

Dolphins' Williams Is Optimistic on Labor Talks

The running back who once staged a walkout predicts there will be no lockout. Ricky Williams has been known to miss a season from time to time, but he expects to be playing in 2011. The Dolphins running back is also their new player representative, and he's optimistic the NFL Players Association and the league will reach a collective bargaining agreement without a labor stoppage. (AP)

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

Heisman to Stay Vacated

There will be no 2005 Heisman winner now that Reggie Bush has returned the award from that year. The head of the Heisman Trophy Trust said Wednesday the award will be vacated. Bush announced Tuesday he would forfeit the trophy he won with USC. In June, the NCAA ruled him ineligible for that year for receiving improper benefits. (AP)

PRO FOOTBALL

Lions to Start Hill at QB

The Detroit Lions will start Shaun Hill at quarterback in Sunday's home opener against Philadelphia as Matthew Stafford recovers from a shoulder injury. Coach Jim Schwartz didn't say Wednesday when Stafford might play again. (AP)

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

Ingram 'Ready to Go'

Alabama coach Nick Saban says Heisman Trophy winner Mark Ingram is "ready to go" and will play against Duke on Saturday. Ingram missed the first two games after arthroscopic surgery on his left knee. (AP)

Nats Play a Role in NL East Race

Bottom-dwellers aim to prove they haven't quit against top teams

The Nationals

A season that began with unusual optimism will soon grind to an end weighed down by the usual disappointment.

But that doesn't mean the Nationals won't be playing plenty of pennant race baseball this month. Though destined to finish in last place again, the Nationals' performance over the final weeks will go far toward deciding the National League East champion.

Including the just-finished three-game series in Atlanta, the Nationals' final 19 contests include six games each against the Braves and the Phillies, the top two teams in the division. Washington begins a series in Philly Friday.

After a particularly sluggish loss Sunday, manager Jim Riggleman gathered his club for a meeting in which he and his coaches spelled out the differences between the Nats and the contending clubs they are facing. At times, he told them, they had simply given up.

"We're going to figure out who the keepers are and figure out who is going to be a part of this club in the future that's going to help us get out of this doldrums," he said.

JONATHAN NEWTON/TWP

Shortstop Ian Desmond has earned raves for his attitude late in the season.

Riggleman is loathe to acknowledge the idea of playing out the string and quick to credit players whose attention hasn't yet turned to vacation plans. After Tuesday's game, the manager, unsolicited, heaped praise on shortstop Ian Desmond, who he said showed him that he hasn't quit.

Riggleman said he offered Desmond a day off after the rookie struck out four times Monday. "I couldn't get the words out of my mouth," Riggleman said. "He said, 'No way. I'm in there.' He didn't back off from the competition. That's the special type of guy that we've got there that is going to set the tone for a lot of people."

Desmond responded Tuesday by going 2-for-4 with a home run and a sacrifice bunt that led to another run in a 6-0 win. **DEREK TURNER**

Nats Down Braves

Justin Maxwell's grand slam powered the last-place Nationals over Atlanta 4-2 Wednesday and sent the Braves to only their second home series loss this season. John Lannan (8-7) gave up two runs and eight hits in six innings for the Nats, who have won eight of 15 versus the Braves this year. (AP)

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Sports

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Hokies RB Darren Evans sulks after Virginia Tech's loss last week to James Madison.

Reeling Hokies Look to Regroup

Poor communication blamed for stunning 0-2 start to season

Hokies Football

Bud Foster gathered his defense together at 6:45 a.m., just like always. Instead of splitting the players up by position, however, Virginia Tech's defensive coordinator kept them together, dissecting what is going wrong for the reeling Hokies.

Two weeks into the season, time is already running short. Foster's defense, with seven new starters, has been burned by fundamental miscues, such as missed tackles and blown assignments.

"We were going over the calls, communicating together, just so you could feel each other and you could feel how it's supposed to feel when you're out there, how things were supposed to go," cornerback Rashad Carmichael said.

Things weren't expected to go like this. The Hokies are off to an 0-2 start for the first time since 1995, including their first loss to a Football Championship Subdivision team — James Madison — in Frank Beamer's 24 years as coach. They have fallen out of the Top 25 for the first time since 2008 and play dynamic East Carolina (2-0) on Saturday.

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The number of points East Carolina is averaging after two wins this year.

It would help to get the offense that was supposed to carry the Hokies to get going. Even with star skill position players such as quarterback Tyrod Taylor, and tailbacks Ryan William and Darren Evans, the Hokies have struggled.

Much of that falls to the offensive line, which is also having communications issues. "We give a lot of effort. Just sometimes, we don't get on the same page," center Beau Warren said. "After two losses like this, you have to come together. And execute." **HANK KURZ JR. (AP)**

TV Lineup

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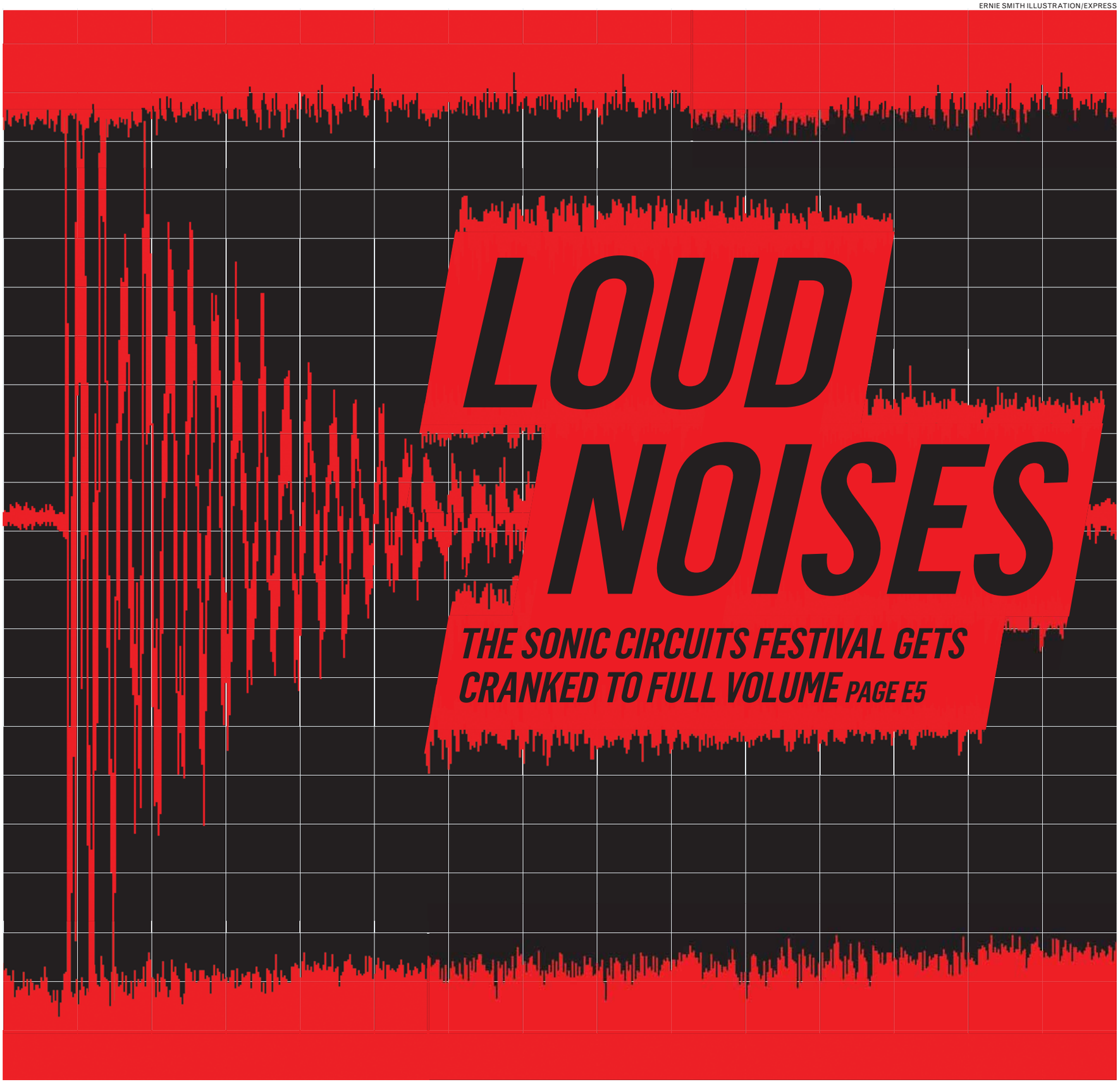

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REMEMBER WHEN you first found out you were an introverted loner? You can thank Swiss psychiatrist Carl Gustav Jung (1875-1961) for that 50-question Myers-Briggs test you took in middle school. Fortunately, karma exists. "The Red Book," which Jung wrote after his estrangement from Sigmund Freud, has moved from the vault it was locked in for a century to a show at the Library of Congress. We spoke to Jim Hutson, chief of the library's manuscript division, about this infamous book.

Why is Jung's "Red Book" such an important work?

It's important because it's the foundation of Jung's mature psychoanalytic theory. ... Through this method, Jung thought he could restore or at least improve the mental health of his patients.

Why did Jung's family not want to release "The Red Book"?

The family members had seen it, and Jung had constantly debated with himself about publishing it. ... Some people thought it was a midlife crisis book.

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Jung has had an enormous effect on modern culture. ... In pop culture, even George Lucas said "Star Wars" was influenced by his ideas.

Is there one thing people should know about the book or about Jung's work with it?

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The Bright Side of the 'Moon'

MetroStage offers a new take on a Jazz-Age Wharton classic

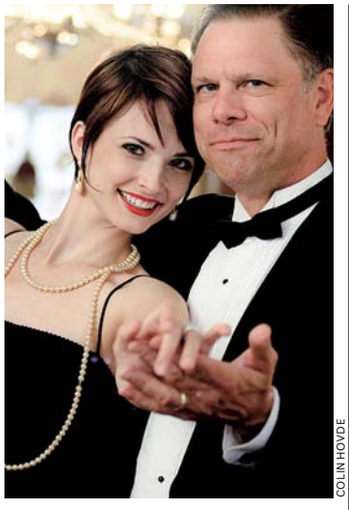
Theater

Sometimes, the best way to go forward is to look back. At least, that's what director and choreographer David Marquez is hoping with the MetroStage debut of "Glimpses of the Moon." The play is a new work based on Edith Wharton's novel, and aside from a short run at the Algonquin Hotel in New York two years ago, this is its first proper stage performance.

The Jazz Age musical capitalizes on 1920s nostalgia and a healthy respect for the Golden Age of Broadway. "In a day of Shakira, I think people are trying to be evocative of old things, and everything old is new again," Marquez said.

It's an era most of us didn't get a chance to live through, but that doesn't mean it's not enchanting. And it wouldn't be the first time a flapper-fest struck a modern chord.

"I think 'Thoroughly Modern Millie' has a life," he said. "The movie wasn't very successful, but the musical gave that world an afterlife. I know a lot of young people are familiar with 'Millie,' so I think there's an energy about it, and it certainly appeals to me. It's a significant period in our history, and I think it's very colorful."



COLIN HOVDE

Gia Mora and Stephen Schmidt star in MetroStage's "Glimpses of the Moon."

Tajlei Levis rewrote Wharton's work for the stage, John Mercurio crafted the tunes, and both harbor a deep respect for the classics. "The authors are really traditional musical theater people that are also smart and progressive the way that they approach their material," Marquez said. "It hearkens back to the Golden Age of musicals, but at the same time I think it speaks to a modern ear." RYAN LITTLE

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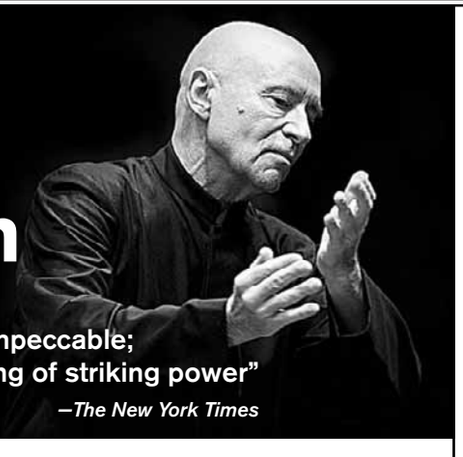
Welcome Christoph Eschenbach



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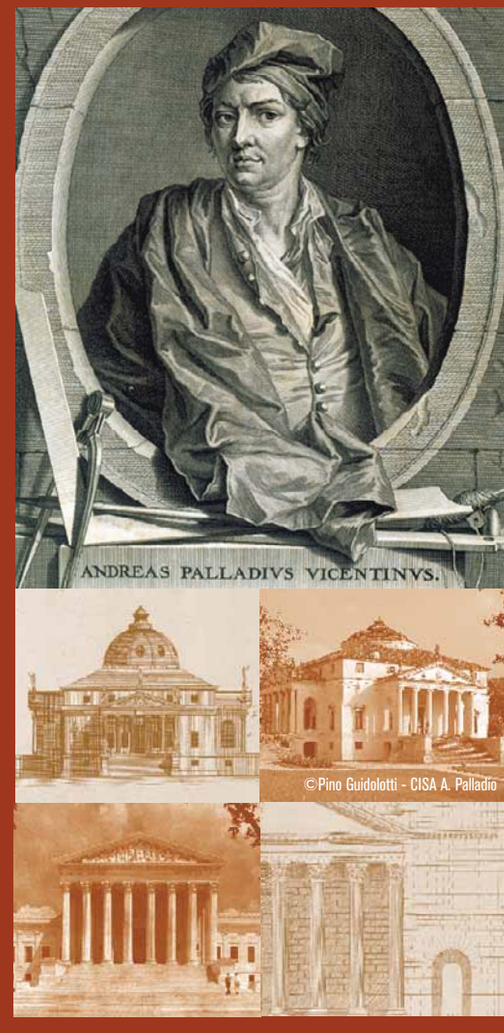

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THE SONIC CIRCUITS FESTIVAL BRINGS AVANT-ROCK HOME

The experimental music world can sometimes feel like a foreboding place.

The Screech und Drang of clashing of notes and rhythms is no cuddly Justin Bieber hug or even an Arcade Fire caress. No, experimental music is more like a firm, manly handshake or a kick to the head, even to the most sonically adventurous person.

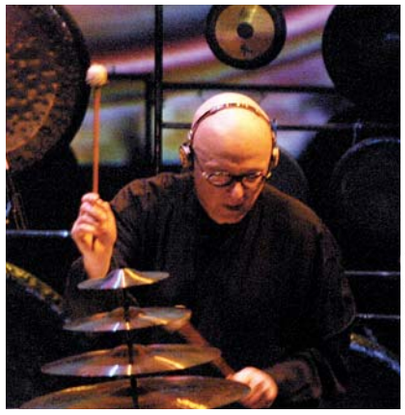
But under all the noise, the common denominator in many experimental scenes is the melodic sense of community among its impassioned participants. Once you get over your initial fear and let go of your ringing ears, you'll find a warm alliance of believers who find energy in avant sound.

Washington boasts a long and committed experimental scene. And what it might lack in numbers it makes up for in the dedicated sense of purpose among its adherents — many of whom start as fans and end up as performers, promoters or both.

The touchstone of the D.C. scene is Jeff Surak's Sonic Circuits organization, which books concerts throughout the year. But other fixtures include show bookers such as Jeff Bagato (Electric Possible), Ed Ricart (New Atlantis Jazz Festival) and Transparent Productions, as well local labels Cuneiform and Sockets.

"Sonic Circuits has a very broad audience, and it's reflected in the D.C.-area artists as well as in the community," Surak said. "Students and retirees perform in the same bands and go to the same shows, as well. So, a bedrock entity like Cuneiform and young label like Sockets all thrive off the energy here. Sonic Circuits presents artists from both those labels, and we all support one another."

"There has indeed long been an ongoing experimental scene in D.C., stretching from at least the 1970s," said Joyce Nalewajk, who runs Cuneiform Records and Wayside Distribution in Silver Spring with her husband, Steve Feigenbaum. "What is new — and very exciting — is that recently, the various DIY D.C. experimental-music scenes have begun working together more, collaborating more. Everyone in non-mainstream music in D.C. has long known and respected each other's work, but now there are more concerted efforts to share volunteer labor and advice and resources."



COURTESY SONIC CIRCUITS

Italian-born percussionist Andrea Centazzo plays two concerts of his work at Sonic Circuits.

The scene's annual group hug is the Sonic Circuits Festival, which welcomes artists from around the world into its feedback-y embrace. Now in its ninth year, the fest is set to top all its previous incarnations.

Headlining is legendary '70s French prog-rock band Magma, whose combination of classical, jazz and the self-created phonetic language Kobaïan conjures the vibe of some epic sci-fi narrative. The band is a rare, huge get, but this year's fest features other international noise-rock names, too: a collaboration between Japan's Merzbow and France's Richard Pinhas; Belgian chamber-rock progenitors Univers Zero; brilliant Austrian bliss-glitch guitarist Fennesz; Russian electro-noise rockers Astma (Alexei Borisov and Olga Nosova); and Italian-born minimalist composer and percussionist Andrea Centazzo.

"The festival is truly a once-in-a lifetime chance to experience many of these artists live, because chances are they will never be in D.C., or even the U.S., again," Surak said.

Surak said international artists rave about D.C. "Performers tell me all the time that the D.C. audience is one of the best in the world. They listen, they focus and are engaged," he said. "The audience here is very diverse, as we attract people of all ages and backgrounds. And they're educated and well informed about music."

North American acts include industrial music veterans Illusion of Safety and Controlled Bleeding, Montreal chamber-prog rockers Miriodor, and electronic experimentalists Keith Fullerton Whitman, Corridors and Expo 70.

But the majority of this year's festival consists of artists from our city's own thriving scene, including Surak's own Violet, the aggressive drones of Blue Sausage Infant, Cuneiform prog vets the Muffins, and Sockets recording artists Hume (avant indie) and the Cornel West Theory (outre hip-hop).

"I don't know of any other experimental music festival whose programming is as broad and as well balanced between overseas and local artists," Nalewajk said.

"Sonic Circuits is one of those weeks that is truly tough to experience at any other time during the year here in Washington, D.C.," said Sockets chief Sean Peoples. "You get to see some of the world's most interesting sonic innovators at play, tinkering away. And the best part about this festival is that it keeps getting better every year."

Feedback hugs all around.

CRISTOPHER PORTER (EXPRESS)

● *Various locations, Sept. 18-25; visit DC-SonicCircuits.org for tickets, time and venue information.*

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— **JOYCE NALEWAJK,** CO-HEAD OF LOCAL AVANT-ROCK MUSIC LABEL CUNEIFORM RECORDS AND WAYSIDE DISTRIBUTION, BASED IN SILVER SPRING, MD.

The Beginning Of a New Age

Music

Dean Spunt of Los Angeles band No Age hasn't taken genre labels seriously for years. So, when describing the duo's music, Spunt just goes with "punk rock." It's "pretty vague," he said. But it does the job.

"People put genres on you and tags on you to classify it ... lo-fi or ... punk rock, grunge, house, acid house," Spunt said. "They just use terms to classify things, and I'm not so into that. ... Or I usually just say we kind of, like, make art or something. We do kind of more than music."

Spunt and fellow band member Randy Randall make sure to do "more than music" by committing fully to a DIY mentality. And with the band's third album, "Everything in Between," coming out Sept. 28, Spunt is relishing the challenges that come with handling everything on their own.

"It's a lot more work, but we've never had [a manager], so we don't really know any other way," Spunt said. "The thought process is, 'What do we want to do? What's the goal?' And then, 'How do we reach our goal?' And we just figure it out along the way. ... That kind of drives us."

And if Spunt had it his way, each of the band's albums would reflect a different side of the group. Or even a different group entirely.

"This is the newest record, and I think it took us about a year," Spunt said of the upcoming disc. "It's different than what we've done before, but you shouldn't compare it. ... I feel like part of me would be interesting in changing the band name every record to be like, 'This is a separate thing.' It's a new thing, but it's us."

ROXANA HADADI

COURTESY SUB POP RECORDS

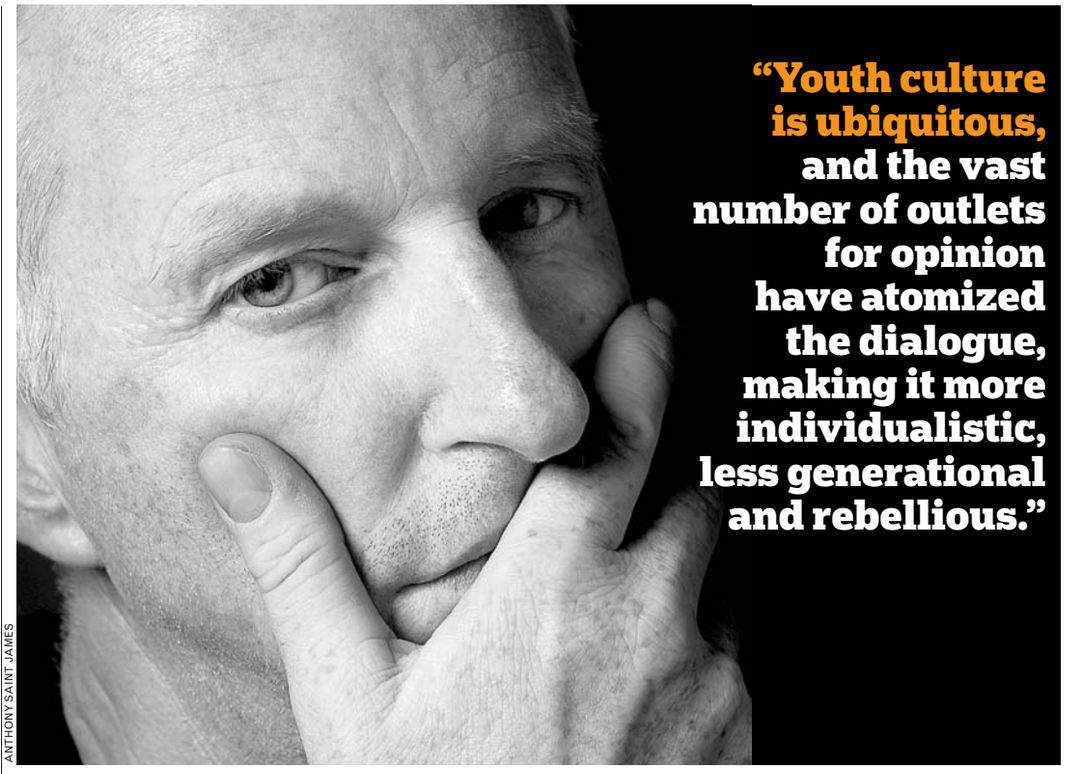
No Age's Dean Spunt and Randy Randall keep fans guessing with their third disc.

● *Black Cat, 1811 14th St. NW; Fri., 9 p.m., $15; 202-677-4490, Blackcatdc.com. With Holy F*** and Trophy Wife. (U St.-Cardozo)*

The Elephant 6 in the Room

COURTESY ELF POWER

ONE OF THE LEGENDARY bands spawned by the Elephant 6 Collective, Elf Power is still going strong after 16 years. After the suicide of friend and collaborator Vic Chesnutt this year, the band returns to the road with a new record and a film project: "Major Organ and the Adding Machine," a documentary about Elephant 6 that will screen before the band's DC9 show Thursday. Read our full interview with Elf Power frontman Andrew Rieger at Expressnightout.com.



ANTHONY SAINT JAMES

"Youth culture is ubiquitous, and the vast number of outlets for opinion have atomized the dialogue, making it more individualistic, less generational and rebellious."

Billy Bragg's commitment to music is reflected in his service and outreach, including work to protect artists' digital rights.

Revolution Rock

Songwriter and activist Billy Bragg still thinks music can change the world

Music

Legendary British musician Billy Bragg is a busy man these days. In addition to his career as a folk/punk songwriter, there's his collaboration with the band Wilco, setting previously-unrecorded Woody Guthrie lyrics to music, and an upcoming recording with Joe Henry and Rosanne Cash.

Beyond music, though, Bragg is active in causes both social — he recently started the Jail Guitar Doors initiative, a nonprofit that provides musical instruments to prison inmates — and political.

"During the recent U.K. elections, a racist party, the British National Party, were aiming to take control of the town where I grew up, where my family still live," Bragg explained. "I was out there during the election, singing songs, knocking on doors, distributing leaflets, confronting the BNP on the streets." And his efforts were victorious: "Come the election, the BNP lost every seat they held."

Bragg said he's seen the relationship between music and politics change over time.

"In the '60s, youth had no access to the mainstream media, and so used music to speak to the world and to one another," Bragg said. "They had to construct their own media and articulate their own ideas. This, by its nature, was empowering and also politicizing; youth was defined by rebellion. Now, youth culture is ubiquitous, and the vast number of outlets for opinion have atomized the dialogue, making it more individualistic, less generational and rebellious."

Many of those outlets have emerged thanks to the digital era — which has changed the landscape for musicians as well. Bragg currently serves on the board of directors of the Featured Artists' Coalition (FAC), which seeks to protect the rights of artists in an online world. But Bragg said he doesn't see the digital revolution as a negative thing.

"It has brought me much closer to my fans," he explained. "Before, we had to rely on [critics] to mediate between us; now I can send messages directly to people who are interested in what I'm doing."

The FAC has also embraced the positive side of technology. "Our greatest achievement is our willingness to question the wisdom of persecuting our audiences," Bragg continued. "Peer-to-peer file-sharing is a form of promotion, not criminality."

CATHERINE LEWIS

● *9:30 Club, 815 V St. NW; with Darren Hanlon; Sun., 7 p.m., $35; 202-265-0930.*

Shredding Expectations

Superchunk reels in the years and gets back on the road with an edgy new record

Music

In some ways, Superchunk's first album in nearly a decade shouldn't have turned out so well. An energetic album that captures the pop bounce of the venerable indie band's early material, "Majesty Shredding" is the product of older musicians with far too many distractions: an independent label to run (Merge, home to Spoon and the Arcade Fire), other musical projects, families, life in general. It's not so much that their hearts weren't in this album, but that their hearts are in so many other things, too.

With so many irons in the fire, none of Superchunk's four members could clear their calendars to book studio time or write songs together, which left them wondering how to proceed as a band. "It was something we all had to figure out," said singer Mac McCaughan. "What works for us right now? We're not going to do things the way we used to do them."

JASON ARTHURS

Superchunk turns out its first new album in a decade with "Majesty Shredding." The venerable indie band is taking it on the road but keeping tour dates minimal.

> **"In some cases, we were still learning the songs as we recorded them, so there's an on-the-edge feeling, which I like in a record."**
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> — **SINGER MAC MCCAUGHAN,** DESCRIBING THE BAND'S RECORDING PROCESS FOR "MAJESTY SHREDDING," WHICH LED TO A "PRETTY PUNK-ROCK-SOUNDING RECORD"

Over the past year, the quartet spent a few weekends at Overdub Lane in Durham, N.C., blazing through songs quickly and casually with producer Scott Solter. The result is an album that recalls Superchunk's early sound without trying to match it, showing the years without trying to erase them. "We wanted it to be a pretty punk-rock-sounding record, with relentless pacing and a lot of energy," said McCaughan. "In some cases, we were still learning the songs as we recorded them, so there's an on-the-edge feeling, which I like in a record."

Tour-wise, Superchunk is taking it easy, doing only a few dates at a time to make sure it doesn't get burned out. "We love playing shows," McCaughan said, "but a tour is a whole different thing. Nobody likes being away from home. But it would be a waste of energy to make a record and not let people know it exists."

STEPHEN M. DEUSNER

● *9:30 Club, 815 V St. NW; Fri., 8 p.m., $20; 202-265-0930. (U St.-Cardozo)*

The Power of Amps Compels You

California's Amps for Christ lifts analog up where it belongs

Music

DIY spirit is at the core of punk, but Pomona, Calif., electro-folk band Amps for Christ takes this commitment to a new level. The band handcrafts and hot-wires its own stringed instruments — as well as those titular amps — and records on reel-to-reel tape.

"It's pretty much right from the dirt, right out of the ground," said bandleader Henry Barnes, formerly of proggy hardcore heavyweight Man Is the Bastard. "I never make the same instrument twice."

Take, for example, "the wing," a massive 32-inch, wing-shaped electric sitar — "Other people make electric sitars, but not as long as mine," Barnes boasted — or the radically reverberant "spring master" slide guitar. Both creations feature frequently on the dozen or so recordings Amps for Christ has released since its inception in 1996.

The group pays reverence to a pantheon of worldly sounds. Aglow in warm, crackling analog audio, the band's bold forays into Indian ragas, classical composition and old-time country coalesce into a sort of alien world music. Barnes cites as inspiration everything from traditional Irish music to soul to jazz.

"I listened to lots of Miles Davis subconsciously for the first three years of my life," he said. "[M]y dad only had one of his records, one from 1959, and he played it over and over," Barnes said, referring to Davis' modal masterpiece "Kind of Blue." "Ravi Shankar's Music Festival From India" was on regular rotation in high school. "I also cranked lots of Mahavishnu Orchestra."

COURTESY AMPS FOR CHRIST

Amps for Christ's Henry Barnes brings punk's DIY spirit to a whole new level.

Barnes also draws inspiration from technical limitations. Case in point: An old, malfunctioning chord organ that creates a propulsive rhythm when the low F key is pressed. "I never fixed it," Barnes said proudly. JOHNATHAN RICKMAN

● *Velvet Lounge, 915 U St. NW; Thu., 9 p.m., with Kuschty Rye Ergot, Sean McArdle, Tiny Concept, $8; 202-462-3213. (U St.-Cardozo)*

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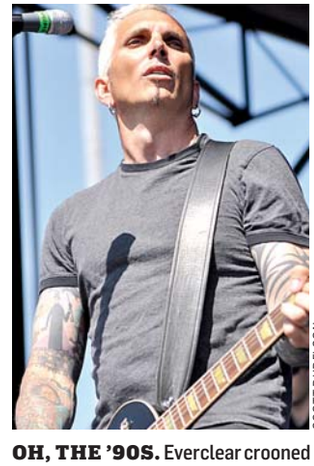

SCOTT DUDELSON

OH, THE '90S. Everclear crooned about Santa Monica on WHFS, along with Live, moaning something about reincarnation. The venerable HFStival returns Saturday to Merriweather, where the entire soundtrack to your 30-something life will perform. Check out our full interview with Everclear's Art Alexakis on Expressnightout.com.

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SONY SCREEN GEMS

Ali Larter and Milla Jovovich shoot up zombies in "Resident Evil: Afterlife."

1 Resident Evil: Afterlife
A virus ravages the world, turning its victims into the undead. A lead takes survivors to Los Angeles, but when they arrive, the city is already overrun by thousands of zombies.

2 Takers
After a brief attempt at being a homicidal "Entourage," "Takers" settles into a caper-flick groove, largely because it takes its cues from superior films, namely "Oceans 11/12/13."

3 The American
Directed by Anton Corbijn from a book by Martin Booth, "The American" — that would be George Clooney — is an action thriller that refuses to deliver action or thrills, instead engaging in a brand of arty formalism rarely seen outside cinema studies classrooms.

4 Machete
Although director Robert Rodriguez uses the story to skewer the current anti-immigrant hysteria, "Machete" is less interested in politics than in a lowbrow poetry that impales notions of propriety, good taste and action movies on the tip of Machete's blade.

5 Going the Distance
"Going the Distance" is a movie in the tradition of "American Pie" and "There's Something About Mary." It's filthy, funny and kind of sweet — if not quite up to the level of Judd Apatow's recent oeuvre.

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And One More for the Road

Leonard Cohen plays it again on a new set of live videos and concert recordings

DVD/CD Review

When it comes to Leonard Cohen, several things are indisputable: his standing as one of the world's greatest living songwriters, his gruffly expressive voice and his exquisitely orchestrated songs. All three facts are substantiated by his latest live CD/DVD release, "Songs From the Road," which captures both audio and video from a dozen songs recorded on tour in 2008-2009.

Cohen has released live discs before, but their frequency seems to be increasing now, perhaps not coincidentally as his studio output is slowing. At the risk of sounding incredibly morbid, this tour might be his last extensive outing. So, even though the recording time frame isn't so different from his 2009 release, "Live in London," the versions included here are almost completely different, and several tracks here have not been included on any previous recordings.

LORCA COHEN/SONY MUSIC ENTERTAINMENT

Leonard Cohen's new live CD/DVD set features new versions of well-loved classics.

Songs From the Road
Leonard Cohen

Cohen and his backing band don't miss a note in these lush arrangements, which could all pass as studio recordings if it weren't for the audience applause. The only place Cohen's age shows at all is in his voice: The melancholy "Chelsea Hotel" has always been about reflecting on a lover, but the fact that the days of such youthful trysts are over makes his remembrance here all the more chilling. Even on the overplayed "Hallelujah," recorded here at the Coachella Festival, Cohen's voice imparts a wisdom far out of the reach of all the fresh-faced wannabes who try covering that song.

The accompanying DVD offers an interesting perspective on Cohen's performances. There's something so dapper — almost grandfatherly — about his attire (he's always in a suit and a hat) that adds another layer of formality. Sure, there are some distracting moments — like green glow sticks at a mesmerizing Tel Aviv performance of "Lover, Lover, Lover" — but, ultimately, these videos almost give the look of a mammoth performance at a single venue. That continuity certainly helps cement the live concert experience, but the real allure here is to see and hear that Cohen hasn't lost any of his edge.

CATHERINE LEWIS

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WRITTEN BY EXPRESS' SHAUNA MILLER

Suicide Is Painless

War is hell, they say. Doesn't matter which one or why it's happening. When you're living in a tent, a million miles from everything that used to be your life, righteousness is cold comfort. The ragtag soldiers and surgeons in Robert Altman's 1970 classic dark comedy, "M*A*S*H," were serving in the Korean War, but they might as well have been in Vietnam — where the minds (and many friends and family members) of viewers were at the time of its release. The film was one of Altman's first trademark ensemble films — "Nashville" and "The Player" were years away — and it brings together the legendary Donald Sutherland and Elliott Gould as "Hawkeye" Pierce and "Trapper John" McIntyre, roles that would become entrenched in American culture. Despite its bleak subject matter and blunt depictions of the violence of war, "MASH" plays like a comedy. Its warmth comes from its characters, men and women thrown together in circumstances beyond their control. You can't pick your family, they also say, and Altman drafts that idea to make a war film unlike any other. ▶ *AFI Silver, 8633 Colesville Road, Silver Spring; Fri.-Sun., $10; 301-495-6700, Afi.com.*

20TH CENTURY FOX

Donald Sutherland, left, and Elliot Gould, right, play wacky, sage surgeons in Robert Altman's "M*A*S*H."

Exploring 'Afrodeutsche'

The Goethe-Institut is dedicated to advancing art, literature and film reflecting German culture. And this fall, the organization is shedding light on an overlooked part of modern German identity with its ongoing "Afrodeutsche: Afro-Germans in Film" festival. Five films highlight the experiences of the 500,000 Germans of African or African-American extraction. War, immigration and student exchanges under communism all influenced a wide diaspora in a nation that often equates "German" identity with Caucasian skin. The series' upcoming films include "Valley of the Innocent," Nigerian director Branwen Okpako's 2003 film following an adopted woman as she searches for her birth parents through secret police records. Later in the month, catch director Robert Stemmle's 1952 film "Toxi," about a small community that reluctantly embraces a charming little girl — whose father was part of occupying American forces during World War II. The series continues through Oct. 25. ▶ *Goethe-Institut, 814 7th St. NW; through Oct. 25, see Goethe.de/washington for dates and showtimes, $7; 202-289-1200. (Gallery Place-Chinatown)*

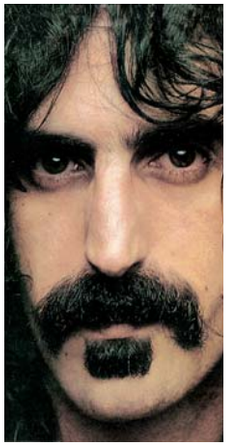
top stops WEEKEND

1 Where There's a Will ...

We wish we could tell you Jenny and Johnny's show at the Black Cat wasn't sold out. Jenny Lewis and Johnathan Rice are both great musicians, and we love the telenovela aspect that comes with a couple writing music together because — are the songs about them? Unfortunately, the show IS sold out. We also wish we could tell you we commute to work on flying horses, but we'd never lie to you. If you can't score Craigslist tickets, check out our review Friday at Expressnightout.com. ➜ *Black Cat, 1811 14th St. NW; Thu., 8 p.m., sold out; 202-667-4490, Blackcatdc.com. (U St.-Cardozo)*

2 Incredibly True Story

When journalists write about history, the best possible outcome is a perfectly researched and beautifully written story that just happens to be true. "The Warmth of Other Suns," which chronicles the migration of African-Americans out of the South, hits that sweet spot. Author Isabel Wilkerson discusses her book at Politics and Prose Sunday afternoon. ➜ *Politics and Prose, 5015 Connecticut Ave. NW; Sun., 1 p.m., free; 202-364-1919 , Politics-prose.com. (Van Ness)*



3 Father of Invention

Not to make fun of Baltimore — hold on; we're about to make fun of Baltimore. This Sunday will forever be enshrined in our national memory as Frank Zappa Day, the day that Baltimore got its very own replica of a bust of the infamous psych-funk wacko. The original is in Lithuania, naturally. Zappa's son Dweezil will then perform his father's songs. Oh, Baltimore. Always something perfect and weird happening. ➜ *Eastern Avenue and Conkling Street, Sun., noon, free; Zappa.com.*

4 Sweet 'Revenge'

Bilal first emerged on the neo-soul scene in 2001 with his riveting debut, "1st Born Second." Nine years later, he's refashioned himself as a blues singer with the hotly anticipated "Airtight Revenge." His intended second disc, "Love for Sale," was leaked in 2006 and subsequently shelved by Universal — a setback that nearly derailed his solo career. With "Airtight," Bilal has great reason to celebrate, and he's bringing the party to the Birchmere Sunday. ➜ *The Birchmere, 3701 Mt. Vernon Ave., Alexandria; Sun., 7:30 p.m., $32.50; 703-549-7500.*

5 Dangerous Game

In case you needed a reminder that conflict in Afghanistan goes way, way, way, way back, the Shakespeare Theatre is presenting a play so long that you have to watch it in shifts. "The Great Game: Afghanistan" is endurance theater: a three-part performance of 12 short plays that attempt to explain the twisty history of the troubled region. ➜ *Shakespeare Theatre, 610 F St. NW; through Sept. 25, $50-$65; 202-547-1122, Shakespearetheatre.org. (Gallery Place)*

the scene

Sound

➜ THURSDAY

9:30 Club: Justin Jones, 7 p.m., free with RSVP.
Birchmere: Jeffrey Osborne, 7:30 p.m., $65.
Blues Alley: Mose Allison Trio, 8 & 10 p.m., $25.
Bohemian Caverns: Kenny Wesley, 8 & 10 p.m., $15-$20.
DC9: Elf Power, Dot Dash, 8 p.m., $10.
Iota: Dead Heart Bloom, Cobra Collective, 9 p.m., $12.
Jammin' Java: The Pimps of Joytime, MOJO, the Funk Ark, 8:30 p.m., $10-$13.
Jaxx: Fireworks, the Swellers, 5:30 p.m., $10-$12.
Kennedy Center: Rana Santacruz, 6 p.m., free.
Liv Nightclub: Dead Prez, 8 p.m., $20.
Rams Head On Stage: Solas, 8 p.m., $23.50.
Rock and Roll Hotel: Street Dogs, Devil's Brigade, Flatfoot 56, Continental, 6:30 p.m., $16.
State Theatre: Signorello Sings Sinatra, 7 p.m., $15-$20
Velvet Lounge: Amps for Christ, Kuschty Rye Ergot, Tiny Concept, 9 p.m., $8.

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9:30 Club: Superchunk, Tommy Keene, Let's Wrestle, 8 p.m., $20.
Birchmere: Laura Veirs, the Watson Twins, Led to Sea, 7:30 p.m., $22.50.
Black Cat: No Age, Holy [Expletive], Trophy Wife, 9 p.m., $15.
Blues Alley: Mose Allison Trio, 8 & 10 p.m., $25.
Bohemian Caverns: Matvei Sigalov, 8:30 & 10:30 p.m., $15-$20.
DC9: Liberation Dance Party, 9 p.m., $7.
Iota: Robbie Fulks Band, David Kitchen, 9 p.m., $15.
Jammin' Java: Luke Brindley, Chelsea Lee, 8 p.m., $15.
Jaxx: Cab Ride Home, Division, 7 p.m., $10.
Kennedy Center: Nortec Panoptica Orchestra, 6 p.m., free.
State Theatre: The Gourds, 7 p.m., $16.
The Red and the Black: Paleo, 9 p.m., $8.

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Twins Jazz: Harold Summey Jr. Quartet, 9 and 11 p.m., $15.
Velvet Lounge: Diehard, Shark, 10 p.m, $8.
Wolf Trap: "ABBA-The Music", 8 p.m., $25-$38.

→ SATURDAY

9:30 Club: Dark Star Orchestra, 8 p.m., $25.
Birchmere: Kim Waters, 7:30 p.m., $29.50.
Black Cat: DJ Mark Zimin and special guest Gwenno Saunders, 9:30 p.m., $10; the Black Sparks, Gist, 8 p.m., $8.
Blues Alley: Mose Allison Trio, 8 & 10 p.m., $25.
Bohemian Caverns: Bluiett's Split Second Orchestra, 2 p.m., $15-$20; Matvei Sigalov, 8:30 & 10:30 p.m., $15-$20.
DC9: The Postelles, Hurricane Bells, Blackbells, 9 p.m. $10.
Fur: David Vendetta, 10 p.m., $20.
Iota: Scott Miller, Karl Straub, 9 p.m., $15.
Jaxx: Roadducks, Rock Ridge, Freq Drive, High Fives Died in the 80's, 8 p.m., $5.
Jiffy Lube Live: Rush, 7:30 p.m., $68-$145.
Kennedy Center: Pate de Fua, 6 p.m., free.
Merriweather Post Pavilion: "HFStival 2010" featuring Third Eye Blind, Billy Idol, Everclear, Ed Kowalczyk, Presidents of the United States of America, Fuel, Lit, Marcy Playground and more, 11 a.m., $35-$50.
Rams Head On Stage: Griffin House, Tyler James, 8:30 p.m., $15.
State Theatre: Live Wire: The Ultimate Tribute to AC/DC, 9 p.m., $12.
The Red and the Black: Subtle Body, $8.
Velvet Lounge: Hello Babies, Lubec, Order, 10 p.m., $8.

→ SUNDAY

9:30 Club: Billy Bragg, Darren Hanlon, 7 p.m., $35.
Birchmere: Bilal, 7:30 p.m., $32.50.
Black Cat: Garland of Hours, MG Lederman, 9 p.m., $8.
Blues Alley: Mose Allison Trio, 8 & 10 p.m., $25.
Galaxy Hut: Outputmessage, DJ Micah Vellian, 9 p.m., $5.
Iota: +/-, Hey Arbore, 8:30 p.m., $12.
Jammin' Java: Preston Reed, 7 p.m., $20.
Kennedy Center: 105 Voice of History Choir, 5 p.m., $20-$50; Brandon Camphor and OneWay, 6 p.m., free.
Rams Head On Stage: Joe Louis Walker featuring Murali Coryell, the Andy Poxon Band, 7:30 p.m., $20.
Rock and Roll Hotel: East Coast Caravan, TNTrio, 7 p.m., $10.
State Theatre: Bob Schneider, Dean Fields, 8 p.m., $25.
Twins Jazz: Vocalist Syssi Mahieu and Zeebop, 8 p.m. and 10 p.m., $10.

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Velvet Lounge: Aaron Thompson, My Brother the Welder, 9 p.m., $8.

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1275 Pennsylvania Ave: "Sculpture 1275: Chris Bathgate," metal sculpture by machinist Chris Bathgate, through Sept. 24. 1275 Pennsylvania Ave. NW; 301-891-1728, Washingtonsculptors.org.

Addison/Ripley Fine Art: "Watercolors: Patricia Tobacco Forrester," through March 6. 1670 Wisconsin Ave. NW; 202-338-5180, Addisonripley-fineart.com.

Alexandria Black History Museum: Exhibitions highlighting Alexandria's history, ongoing. 902 Wythe St., Alexandria; 703-746-4356, Oha.alexandriava.gov/bhrc.

Alliance Française: "Paris Façades," watercolors by New York City-based artist Carol Gillott, opens Fri., through Nov. 5. 2142 Wyoming Ave. NW; 202-234-7911, Francedc.org.

American Painting: "A Washington, D.C. Vacation," the Washington Society of Landscape Painters will display their paintings of the District, through Oct. 2. 5118 MacArthur Blvd. NW; 202-244-3244.

Anacostia Community Museum: "Separate and Unequaled: Black Baseball in the District of Columbia," an examination of the popularity of the national pastime when played by black Americans. 1901 Fort Place SE; 202-633-4820, Anacostia.si.edu.

Archives of American Art: "Lists: To-dos, Illustrated Inventories, Collected Thoughts and Other Artists' Enumerations," through Sept. 27. 750 9th St. NW; 202-633-7940, Aaa.si.edu.

Arlington Arts Center: "Fall Solos 2010," showing of works from six mid-Atlantic artists, opens Fri., through Nov. 7. 3550 Wilson Blvd., Arlington; 703-248-6800, Arlingtonartscenter.org.

Arthur M. Sackler Gallery: "Gods of Angkor: Bronzes From the National Museum of Cambodia," through Jan. 23; "Perspectives: Hai Bo," desolation finds a gentle edge in these photographs, through Feb. 27. 1050 Independence Ave. SW; 202-633-1000, Asia.si.edu.

The Art League: "Vantage Point," watercolor paintings by Michele Rea, through Oct. 4. 105 N. Union St., Alexandria; 703-683-1780, Theartleague.org.

Art Museum of the Americas: "Argentina in Focus: Visualizing the Concept," Cristian Segura and Sergio Vega combine images of local Argentina and the Argentina diaspora in the U.S.,

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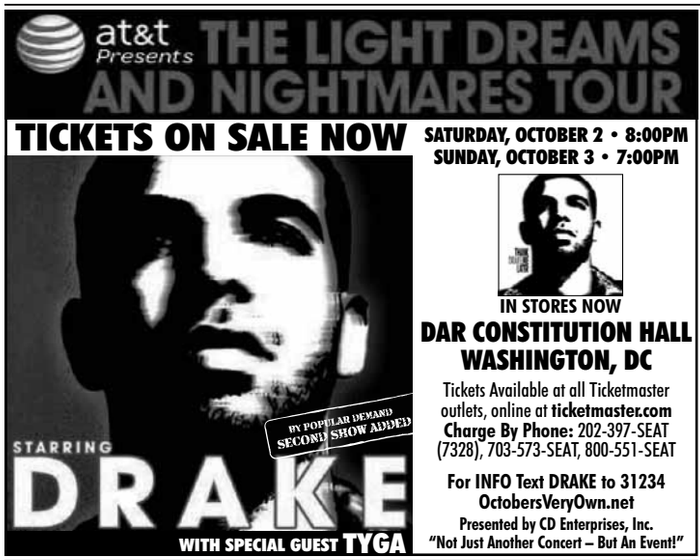
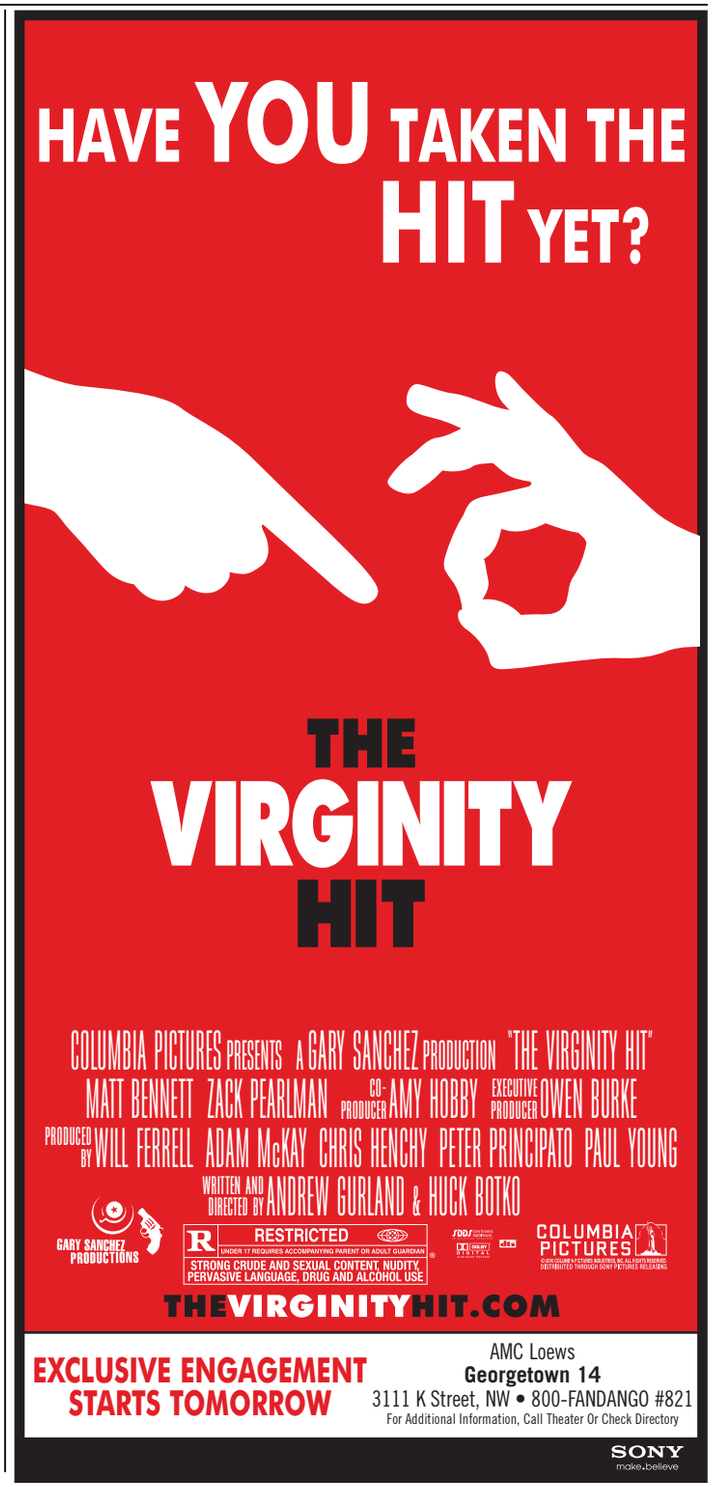
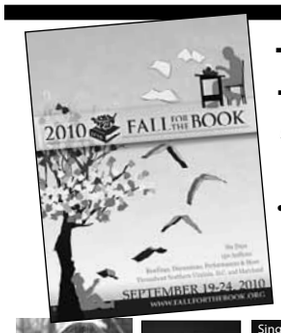
ANTHONY CUTAJAR

IN SYNC: Citing influences from the Black Panthers to ancient Chinese cultures, Wordsmiths stic. man and M-1 spit politically charged rhymes as rap duo Dead Prez. Join the revolution Thursday at Club Liv.







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PAMELA LITTKY

PAIR UP: Since the duo's 2006 collaboration with Jenny Lewis, identical twins Chandra and Leigh Watson have charmed their way into our hearts with a surprisingly dark sound and smooth, sultry vocals. The look-alikes perform music from their latest album, "Talking to You, Talking to Me," Saturday at the Birchmere with the banjo-/guitar-/piano-wielding Laura Veirs.

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opens Fri., through Nov. 21. 201 18th St. NW; 202-458-6016, Museum.oas.org.

Art Whino Gallery: "Beautiful Failures," Richard Salcido's paintings show how success and failure are two sides of exhibition development, through Oct. 15. 173 Waterfront St., National Harbor, Md.; 301-567-8210, Artwhino.com.

Athenaeum: "J.J. Cromer: A Study of Passing Events" examination of Cromer's techniques, opens Thu., through Oct. 31. 201 Prince St., Alexandria; 703-548-0035, Nvfaa.org.

BayFirst Solutions: "Deaf Artists Exhibit," works of varying aesthetic and form created by deaf artists from the 1930s through present day, through Sept. 30. 6856 Eastern Ave. NW, Suite 100; 202-567-2186.

BlackRock Center for the Arts: Judith Peck and Rita Elsner's art will be displayed through Sept. 25. 12901 Town Commons Drive; 301-528-2260, Blackrockcenter.org.

Capitol Hill Arts Workshop: "Walk on the Wild Side," a juried exhibit in honor of late sculptor Wally Szyndler, through Sept. 29. 545 7th St. SE; 202-547-6839, Chaw.org.

Carroll Square Gallery: "Allen Russ: City of Trees," through Nov. 19. 975 F St. NW; 202-624-8643, Carrollsquare.com/gallery.html

Conner Contemporary Art: "John Kirchner: Infinity," "John Stark: Mercurius Duplex," "Susan MacWilliam: Video," through Oct. 23. 1358 Florida Ave. NE; 202-588-8750, Connercontemporary.com.

Corcoran Gallery of Art: "Chuck Close Prints: Process and Collaboration," more than 100 works from renowned artist Chuck Close, through Sept. 26; "American Bronzes"; "Sculpture From the Mouse House: The Olga Hirshhorn Collection," ongoing. 500 17th St. NW; 202-639-1700, Corcoran.org.

Curator's Office: "Picture Cohesion," Eric Hibit explores how the urban environment and consumerism affect the process of making art, through Oct. 23. 1515 14th St. NW; 202-387-1008, Curatorsoffice.com.

David C. Driskell Center: "Embodied: Black Identities in American Art," in col-

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laboration with Yale University Art Gallery, opens Thu., through Oct. 29. 1214 Cole Student Activities Building, College Park; 301-314-0679, Driskellcenter.umd.edu.

LAST CHANCE Del Ray Artisans: "From Our Perspective," 200 years of photographic experience, through Sun. 2704 Mount Vernon Ave., Alexandria; 703-838-4827, Thedelrayartisans.org.

Edison Place Gallery: "Breakthrough! Twenty Years After German Unification," features works of 10 painters, photographers and sculptors from former East Germany, opens Sun., through Oct. 3. 701 Ninth Street, NW; 202- 872-3396, breakthroughart.org.

Flashpoint Gallery: "Patrick McDonough: Reck Room" photographic rugs, basketball shot chart paintings and beer slideshows by Patrick McDonough, through Oct. 9. 916 G St. NW; 202-315-1305, Flashpointdc.org.

Foundry Gallery: "Abstract Blues," Donna McGee's oil spill-inspired water paintings, through Sept. 26. 1314 18th St. NW; 202-463-0203, Foundrygallery.org.

Fraser Galler: "New Work," aerial photographs by D.C.-based photographer Maxwell MacKenzie, through Nov. 6. 7700 Wisconsin Ave., Bethesda; 301-718-9651, Thefrasergallery.com.

Freer Gallery of Art: "Cornucopia: Ceramics From Southern Japan," through Jan. 9; "Masterpieces of Chinese Painting," through Nov. 28. Jefferson Drive & 12th Street SW; 202-633-1000, Asia.si.edu.

Gala Hispanic Theatre: "Bestia contra bestia/Beast vs. Beast," photographs by Hispanic artist José Luis Raymond, opens Thu., through Oct. 17. 3333 14th St. NW; 202-234-7174, Galatheatre.org.

G Fine Art: "Fundamental Constants," Julia Oldham's newest exhibit looks to re-create historic physics experiments and theories with common materials, through Oct. 16. 1350 Florida Ave. SE; 202-462-1601, Gfineartdc.com.

Gallery 555: "Mila Kagan: Acrylic on Canvas," "Alan Binstock: Glass," both through Oct. 8. 555 12th St. NW; 202-393-1409, Gallery555dc.com.

LAST CHANCE Gallery at AYN Studio: "Pretty Things, Little Treasures and Hidden Meanings," collages inspired by reflection on the role of women in society, through Fri. 923 F St. NW; 202-271-9475, Aynstudio.com.

Gallery at Convergence: "Fear," an exhibit about phobias, through Sept. 29. 1801 N. Quaker Lane, Alexandria; 703-998-6260, Convergenceccf.net.

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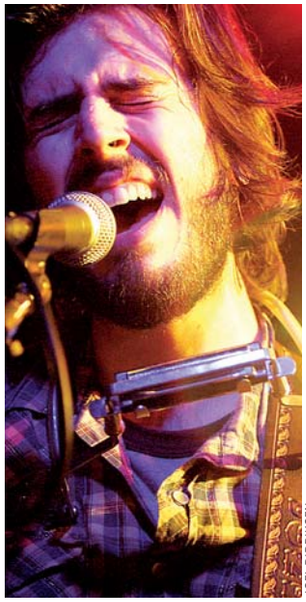

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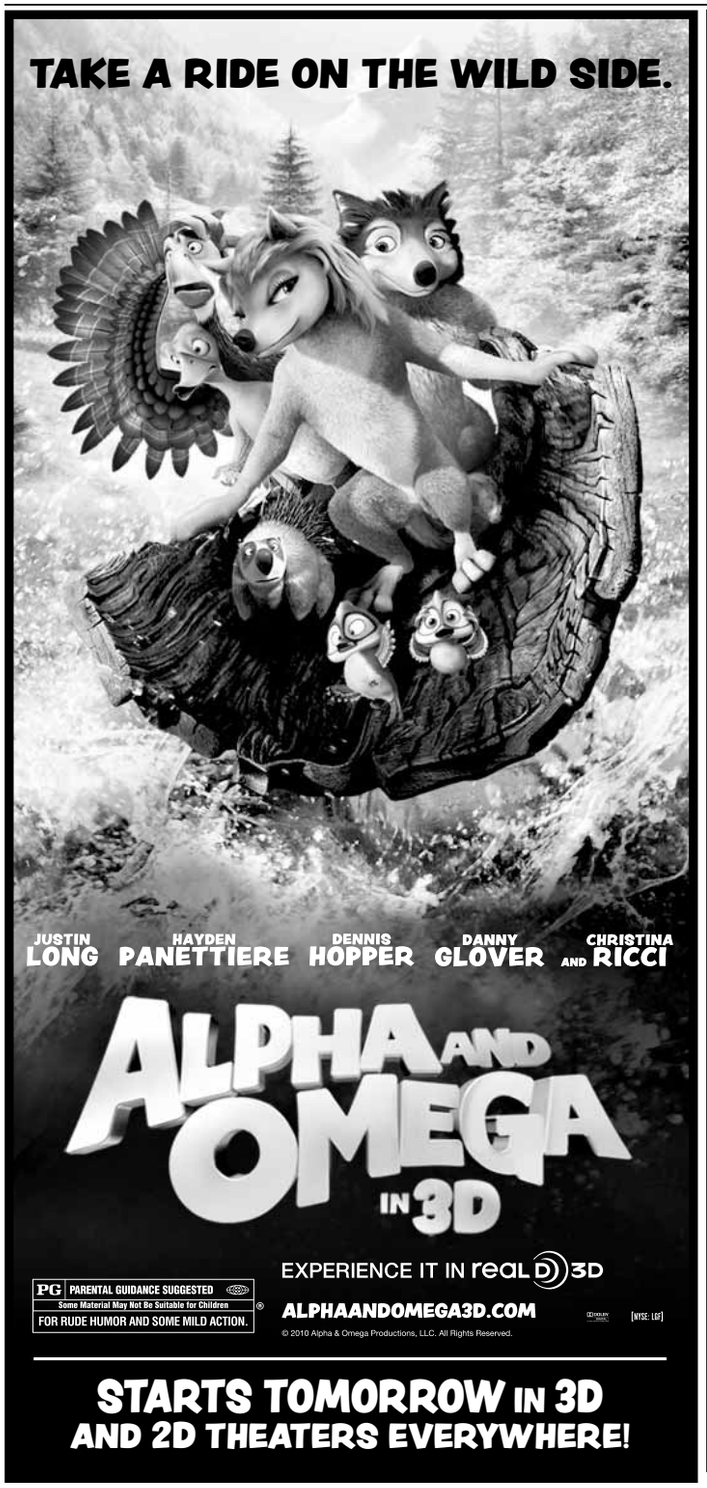
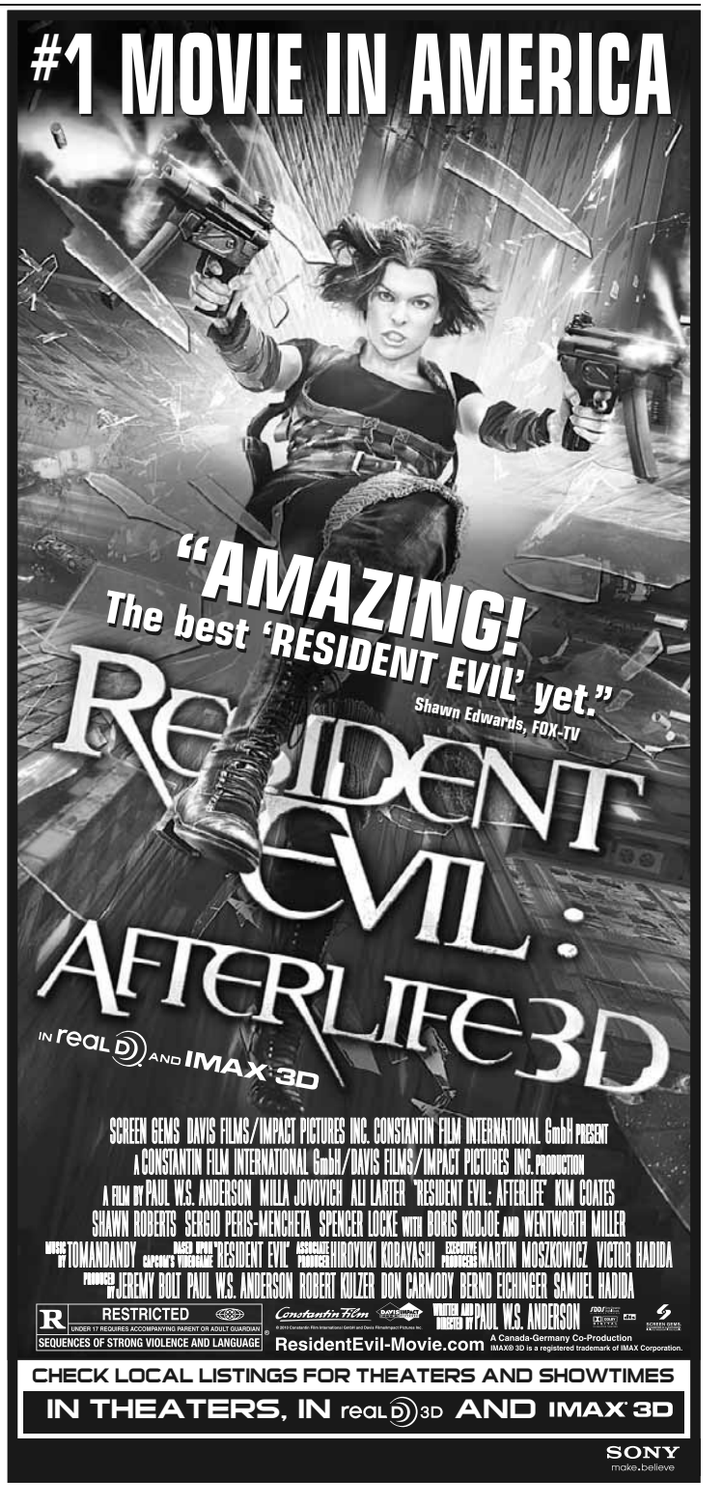
HOMEGROWN: Virginia-bred singer-songwriter Justin Jones invites all to celebrate the release of his EP, "The Little Fox," at the 9:30 Club Thursday. Admission is free, but you must e-mail RSVP@930.com to reserve a spot.





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the Vine," an exhibit that feautres work inspired by wine, grapes and vineyards, through Oct. 3. 35246 Harry Byrd Hwy, Suite 120; 540-338-3001, Thegatewaygallery.com.

Goethe-Institut: "Revenants: Photographs by Oskar Schmidt," opens Thu., through Oct. 29. 812 7th St. NW; 202-289-1200, Goethe.de.

Hemphill Fine Arts: "Renee Stout: The House of Chance and Mischief," based on a recurring dream of artist Renee Stout's, opens Sat., through Oct. 30. 1515 14th St. NW; 202-234-5601, Hemphillfinearts.com.

LAST CHANCE Henry L. Stimson Center: "Fearless Flying!" Marian Osher's mixed-media paintings of the Earth and clouds, through Thu. 1111 19th St. NW; 301-273-3660, Washingtonprintmakers.com.

Hirshhorn: "Black Box: Superflex," unconvential art addresses issues such as democratization, environmentalism and consumerism, through Nov. 28; "ColorForms," abstract art explores the limits of color, through Jan. 2. 7th Street & Independence Avenue SW; 202-633-1000, Hirshhorn.si.edu.

Industry Gallery: "Nature/Data," futuristic furniture designs from Antonio Pio Saracino, through Oct. 30. 1358 Florida Ave. NE; 202-399-1730, Industrygallerydc.com.

International Visions Gallery:

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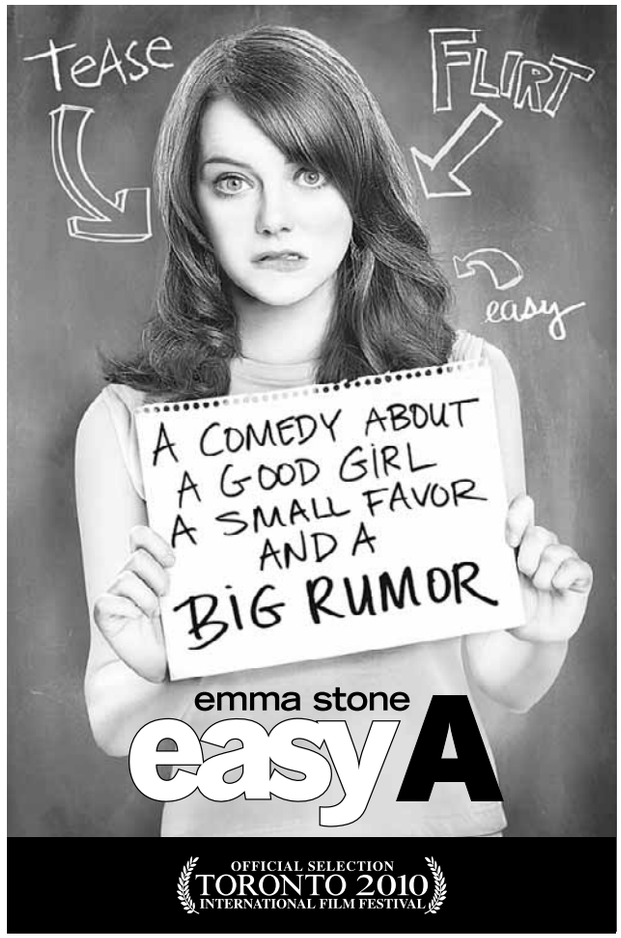

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"The Artisan Series," an exhibition of works by the region's emerging artists, through Oct. 2. 2629 Connecticut Ave. NW; 202-234-5112, Inter-visions.com.

Irvine Contemporary: "Phil Nesmith: Flow," "Bruno Perillo: Uniform: New Paintings," opens Sat., through Oct. 30. 1412 14th St. NW; 202-332-8767, Irvine-contemporary.com.

Jane Haslem Gallery: Meet and see the exhibitions of Carlton Fletcher & Elzabeth Peak, 2 p.m., Sun. 2025 Hillyer Place NW, 202-232-4644, Janehaslemgallery.com.

Japan Information & Culture Center: "Hanamayu," an exhibit of silk cocoon flowers, through Nov. 22. 1155 21st St. NW; 202-238-6949.

Jerusalem Fund Gallery: "Memories Revisited," Ahmad Alkarkhi's abstract paintings based on memories from being forced out of Iraq, opens Fri., through Oct 3. 2425 Virginia Ave. NW; 202-338-1958, Thejerusalemfund.org.

Katzen Arts Center: "Norse Soul: Edvard Munch, Social Democracy, Old Myths, Anarchy and Death Longings," through Oct. 17. 4400 Massachusetts Ave. NW; 202-244-3244.

Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts: Conceptual artist Betsabee Romero's work will be installed throughout the Kennedy Center through Oct. 1. 2700 F St. NW, 800-444-1324, Kennedy-center.org.

Long View Gallery: "Images From ... Beyond: Visions of Our Solar System," technical photographys by Michael Benson, opens Thu., through Oct. 24. 1234 9th St. NW; 202-232-4788, Longviewgallery.com.

Mexican Cultural Institute: "Rethinking Tradition: Contemporary Design From Mexico," contemporary Mexican artists play with traditional craft and art forms, through Oct. 15. 2829 16th St. NW; 202-728-1628.

Morton Fine Art: "Debutantes & Feral Children," new exhibit by Laurel Hausler, opens Fri, through Oct. 14. 1781 Florida Ave NW; 202-390-5118, Mortonfineart.com.

National Air and Space Museum: The largest collection of historic aircraft and spacecraft in the world, ongoing. 6th Street & Independence Avenue SW; 202-633-1000, Nasm.si.edu.

National Building Museum: "LEGO Architecture: Towering Ambition," architect and very patient fellow Adam Reed Tucker designed and built 15 miniature buildings using Legos, through Sept. 5, 2011. 401 F St. NW; 202-272-2448, Nbm.org.

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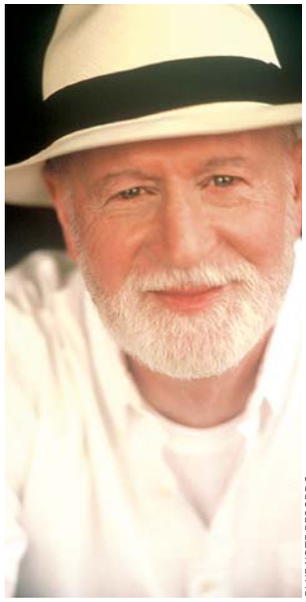

BLUE NOTE RECORDS

HEROES: After 12 years away from the studio, Mose Allison returned to release his jazziest album yet, "Way of the World," in March. This weekend the blues and jazz legend plays two shows per night (Thu.-Sun.) at Blues Alley.

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—PETER TRAVERS

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"'THE AMERICAN' IS NEVER LESS THAN GORGEOUS."
—A.O. SCOTT

San Francisco Chronicle
"★★★★!"
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GEORGE CLOONEY IS THE AMERICAN

THE ACCLAIMED NEW FILM FROM DIRECTOR ANTON CORBIJN SCREENPLAY BY ROWAN JOFFE

FOCUS FEATURES PRESENTS A THIS IS THAT/GREENLIT/SMOKEHOUSE PRODUCTION IN AN ANTON CORBIJN FILM "THE AMERICAN" PRODUCED BY ANNE CAREY JILL GREEN ANN WINGATE GRANT HESLOV GEORGE CLOONEY BASED ON THE NOVEL "A VERY PRIVATE GENTLEMAN" BY MARTIN BOOTH SCREENPLAY BY ROWAN JOFFE DIRECTED BY ANTON CORBIJN

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For Members Only

MARY D. OTT

ART FOLK: Newly reopened Touchstone Gallery presents "Gallery Artist's Member Show," full of diverse works from more than three-dozen local artists. This is the inaugural exhibit in the 34-year-old gallery's new space on New York Avenue NW.

local movie times

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Washington DC

Landmark Theatres

Landmark's E-Street Cinema — www.landmarktheatres.com

MESRINE: KILLER INSTINCT (R) (1:00)
MESRINE: PUBLIC ENEMY NO. 1 (R) (4:00)
THE KIDS ARE ALL RIGHT (R) (12:10, 2:40, 5:10)7:40, 9:55
THE TILLMAN STORY (R) (12:40, 2:55, 5:20)7:35, 10:00
ANIMAL KINGDOM (R) (2:05, 4:35)7:05, 9:45
LEBANON (R) 7:30, 9:50
GET LOW (PG–13) (1:00, 4:30)7:20, 9:40
BRAN NUE DAE (PG–13) (12:20, 2:30, 4:45)7:15, 9:30
I'M STILL HERE (NR) (1:30, 4:20)7:00, 9:35

DC Shorts Film Festival
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The Avalon Theatre

The Avalon Theatre — www.theavalon.org

HIDEAWAY (NR) 1:00, 3:15, 5:30, 7:45
AGORA (R) 10:30 A.M.
EAT PRAY LOVE (PG–13) 11:30, 2:15, 5:15, 8:15

AMC Theaters

AMC Loews Uptown — www.amctheatres.com

THE AMERICAN (R) 1:40, 4:20, 7:00, 9:40

AMC Theaters

AMC Mazza Gallerie — www.amctheatres.com

DEVIL (PG–13) 12:01 A.M.
LADIES & GENTLEMEN: THE ROLLING STONES FLASHBACK TO 1972 (NR) 7:30 P.M.
GOING THE DISTANCE (R) 2:30, 5:00, 7:30, 10:00
RESIDENT EVIL: AFTERLIFE 3D (R) 3:20, 5:40, 8:00, 10:25
MACHETE (R) 2:20, 4:50, 7:20, 9:50
THE LAST EXORCISM (PG–13) 10:05 P.M.
EAT PRAY LOVE (PG–13) 2:00 P.M.
THE SWITCH (PG–13) 2:40, 5:10, 7:40
INCEPTION (PG–13) 3:50, 7:00, 10:15
SALT (PG–13) 2:50 P.M.

AMC Theaters

AMC Loews Georgetown — www.amctheatres.com

THE TOWN (R) 12:01 A.M.
EASY A (PG–13) 12:01 A.M.
RESIDENT EVIL: AFTERLIFE 3D (R) 11:00, 12:00, 1:30, 2:30, 4:10, 5:00, 7:30, 9:30, 10:00, 11:50
DEVIL (PG–13) 12:01 A.M.
GOING THE DISTANCE (R) 11:45, 12:15, 2:15, 2:45, 4:45, 5:15, 7:15, 7:45, 9:45, 10:15
MACHETE (R) 12:05, 2:40, 5:10, 10:50
TAKERS (PG–13) 12:25, 2:55, 5:25, 8:00
THE AMERICAN (R) 11:15, 1:55, 4:35, 7:10, 9:50
THE SWITCH (PG–13) 12:20, 2:50, 5:20, 7:55, 10:25
THE LAST EXORCISM (PG–13) 12:10, 2:35, 4:50, 7:05, 9:25
EAT PRAY LOVE (PG–13) 12:45, 4:00, 7:20, 10:30
12:45, 4:00, 7:20, 10:30
THE EXPENDABLES (R) 2:05, 7:25
THE OTHER GUYS (PG–13) 11:25, 2:20, 5:05, 8:05
SCOTT PILGRIM VS. THE WORLD (PG–13) 11:20, 4:40, 10:10
INCEPTION (PG–13) 1:00, 4:20, 7:40, 11:00
SALT (PG–13) 12:30, 3:00, 5:35, 8:10, 10:45

Regal Cinemas

Regal Gallery Place Stadium — www.regmovies.com

WALL STREET: MONEY NEVER SLEEPS (PG–13) Advance Tickets Available
EASY A (PG–13) Advance Tickets Available
LEGEND OF THE GUARDIANS: THE OWLS OF GA'HOOLE (PG) Advance Tickets Available
RESIDENT EVIL: AFTERLIFE 3D (R) 12:00, 12:45, 2:30, 3:30, 5:00, 6:30, 7:30, 9:00, 10:00
MACHETE (R) 12:40, 6:20, 9:10
1:20, 4:40, 7:20, 10:05
GOING THE DISTANCE (R) 1:30, 7:10
THE AMERICAN (R) 12:10, 2:40, 5:10, 7:40, 10:15
TAKERS (PG–13) 12:30, 3:45, 7:00, 9:50
THE LAST EXORCISM (PG–13) 12:50, 3:10, 5:40, 8:10, 10:25
LOTTERY TICKET (PG–13) 12:30, 3:00, 5:30, 8:00, 10:30
EAT PRAY LOVE (PG–13) 12:15, 3:40, 6:50, 9:55
SCOTT PILGRIM VS. THE WORLD (PG–13) 10:40
THE EXPENDABLES (R) 1:00, 4:10, 7:05, 9:35
THE OTHER GUYS (PG–13) 1:10, 4:00, 6:40, 9:20
INCEPTION (PG–13) 12:05, 3:25, 6:55, 10:10
THE TWILIGHT SAGA: ECLIPSE (PG–13) 1:50
GOING THE DISTANCE (R) 4:30, 9:50

Virginia

Arlington Cinema 'N' Drafthouse

Arlington — www.arlingtondrafthouse.com

PREDATORS (R) 9:50 P.M.

Regal Potomac Yards

Alexandria — www.regmovies.com

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EASY A (PG–13) Advance Tickets Available
LEGEND OF THE GUARDIANS: THE OWLS OF GA'HOOLE (PG) Advance Tickets Available
RESIDENT EVIL: AFTERLIFE 3D (R) 2:00, 2:40, 4:30, 5:10, 7:00, 7:40, 9:30, 10:10
MACHETE (R) 2:15, 4:40, 6:25, 7:20, 9:20, 10:00
GOING THE DISTANCE (R) 2:50, 5:25, 6:50, 7:50, 9:35, 10:20
THE AMERICAN (R) 2:45, 5:20, 8:00, 10:30
TAKERS (PG–13) 5:35, 10:35
2:00, 3:00, 4:35, 7:10, 8:10, 9:40
THE LAST EXORCISM (PG–13) 1:50, 4:20, 6:40, 8:55
NANNY MCPHEE RETURNS (PG) 1:05, 3:45
LOTTERY TICKET (PG–13) 2:35, 5:05, 7:35, 10:05
EAT PRAY LOVE (PG–13) 1:00, 3:50, 6:55, 9:55
THE EXPENDABLES (R) 1:10, 3:45, 6:30, 9:10
THE OTHER GUYS (PG–13) 1:15, 3:40, 6:20, 9:00
INCEPTION (PG–13) 1:00, 4:10, 7:30, 10:40
THE TWILIGHT SAGA: ECLIPSE (PG–13) 3:10, 6:00, 8:50
TOY STORY 3 (G) 1:20, 4:05
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WALL STREET: MONEY NEVER SLEEPS (PG–13) Advance Tickets Available
EASY A (PG–13) Advance Tickets Available
LEGEND OF THE GUARDIANS: THE OWLS OF GA'HOOLE (PG) Advance Tickets Available
RESIDENT EVIL: AFTERLIFE 3D (R) 12:10, 1:40, 2:40, 4:30, 5:10, 7:10, 7:50, 9:40, 10:20, 12:01
MACHETE (R) 1:50, 3:30, 4:40, 7:30, 9:10
GOING THE DISTANCE (R) 12:50, 3:50, 6:50, 9:30
AVATAR: SPECIAL EDITION 3D (PG–13) 4:10, 8:00
TAKERS (PG–13) 1:20, 4:20, 7:20
EAT PRAY LOVE (PG–13) 12:00, 3:10, 6:30, 9:45
THE EXPENDABLES (R) 2:00, 5:00, 7:40
THE OTHER GUYS (PG–13) 12:40, 3:40, 6:40
THE TWILIGHT SAGA: ECLIPSE (PG–13) 12:20, 6:20
TOY STORY 3 3D (G) 1:30 P.M.
THE LAST EXORCISM (PG–13) 12:30, 3:00, 5:40, 8:10

Regal Ballston Common Stadium

Arlington — www.regmovies.com

LEGEND OF THE GUARDIANS: THE OWLS OF GA'HOOLE (PG) Advance Tickets Available
LADIES & GENTLEMEN: THE ROLLING STONES FLASHBACK TO 1972 (NR) 7:30
FOOL FOR LOVE (PG–13) 2:20, 5:00, 7:40, 10:25
RESIDENT EVIL: AFTERLIFE 3D (R) 1:00, 2:10, 3:20, 4:30, 5:40, 7:20, 8:00, 9:50, 10:30
MACHETE (R) 1:40, 4:20, 6:45, 9:30
GOING THE DISTANCE (R) 2:20, 4:50, 7:30, 10:10
THE AMERICAN (R) 1:50, 4:15, 7:15, 10:15
THE SWITCH (PG–13) 2:00, 4:40, 7:25, 9:55
SCOTT PILGRIM VS. THE WORLD (PG–13) 1:25, 4:00, 7:10, 10:00
THE EXPENDABLES (R) 7:00, 9:40
THE OTHER GUYS (PG–13) 2:40, 5:20, 7:50, 10:20
GET LOW (PG–13) 1:30, 4:10
DESPICABLE ME (PG) 1:20, 3:50
THE TWILIGHT SAGA: ECLIPSE (PG–13) 1:10, 4:05, 7:05, 9:45

AMC Theatres Courthouse Plaza

Arlington — www.amctheatres.com

TAKERS (PG–13) 3:00, 5:30, 8:00, 10:25
THE LAST EXORCISM (PG–13) 3:05, 5:20, 7:40, 9:50
EAT PRAY LOVE (PG–13) 3:10, 6:20, 9:20
WHAT IF ... (PG) 1:40, 4:15, 7:00, 9:45
DINNER FOR SCHMUCKS (PG–13) 2:00, 4:40, 7:20, 10:10
THE KIDS ARE ALL RIGHT (R) 6:50, 9:30
INCEPTION (PG–13) 3:20, 6:30, 9:40
SALT (PG–13) 2:40, 5:00, 7:30, 10:00
TOY STORY 3 (G) 1:50, 4:20

Old Town Theatre

Alexandria — www.oldtowntheater.com

THE AMERICAN (R) 5:30, 7:45
GOING THE DISTANCE (R) 6:00, 8:00

AMC Theatres Hoffman Center

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THE TWILIGHT SAGA: ECLIPSE (PG–13) 12:05, 3:15, 6:25, 9:25
LADIES & GENTLEMEN: THE ROLLING STONES FLASHBACK TO 1972 (NR) 7:30 P.M.
RESIDENT EVIL: AFTERLIFE 3D (R) 11:30, 1:30, 2:00, 4:15, 4:45, 6:50, 9:30, 10:10
RESIDENT EVIL: AFTERLIFE: AN IMAX 3D EXPERIENCE (R) 12:45, 3:20, 6:00, 8:45
GOING THE DISTANCE (R) 11:50, 1:00, 2:25, 3:45, 5:25, 6:40, 8:20, 9:40
MACHETE (R) 11:45, 12:25, 2:40, 3:35, 6:35, 9:35
TAKERS (PG–13) 12:10, 3:10, 6:10, 9:05
THE AMERICAN (R) 1:20, 4:05, 7:00, 9:50 **TAKERS** (PG–13) 12:10, 3:10, 6:10, 9:05
1:10, 4:10, 7:10, 9:55
FLIPPED (PG) 12:35, 3:25, 5:50, 8:25
THE LAST EXORCISM (PG–13) 12:50, 3:40, 6:20, 9:15
AVATAR: SPECIAL EDITION 3D (PG–13) 11:20, 2:45
PIRANHA 3D (R) 10:00 P.M.
LOTTERY TICKET (PG–13) 12:20, 3:00, 5:45, 8:35
NANNY MCPHEE RETURNS (PG) 11:40, 2:30, 5:20
WHAT IF ... (PG) 11:10, 2:10, 5:15, 8:10
EAT PRAY LOVE (PG–13) 11:00, 2:20, 5:55, 9:10
THE EXPENDABLES (R) 11:55, 2:50, 5:35, 8:40
THE OTHER GUYS (PG–13) 1:15, 4:20, 7:15, 10:05
SCOTT PILGRIM VS. THE WORLD (PG–13) 4:55, 8:00
SALT (PG–13) 12:40, 3:30, 6:15, 9:05
STEP UP 3 (PG–13) 8:15 P.M.
DESPICABLE ME (PG) 11:15, 2:05
INCEPTION (PG–13) 6:30 P.M.

Maryland

AFI Silver Theatre Cultural Center

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THE KIDS ARE ALL RIGHT (R) 2:35, 4:50, 7:10, 9:25
THE GIRL WHO PLAYED WITH FIRE (R) 3:05, 5:45, 8:30
JAWS (PG) 7:00, 9:30

Landmark Bethesda Row Cinema

Bethesda — www.landmarktheatres.com

CAIRO TIME (PG) (12:30, 2:45, 5:00)7:20, 9:35
MAO'S LAST DANCER (PG) (1:05, 4:00)6:50, 9:25
GET LOW (PG–13) (2:00, 4:30)7:10, 9:40
THE AMERICAN (R) (1:45, 4:15)7:00, 9:30
THE KIDS ARE ALL RIGHT (R) (2:15, 4:45)7:15, 9:45
THE GIRL WHO PLAYED WITH FIRE (R) (1:15, 4:05)7:05, 9:55
ANIMAL KINGDOM (R) (1:30, 4:10)7:25, 10:00
MESRINE: KILLER INSTINCT (R) (1:20)6:55
MESRINE: PUBLIC ENEMY NO. 1 (R) (3:55)9:50

AMC Loews Center Park

Beltsville — www.amctheatres.com

RESIDENT EVIL: AFTERLIFE (R) 2:05, 4:40, 7:15
GOING THE DISTANCE (R) 2:25, 5:15, 7:45
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MACHETE (R) 2:15, 5:00, 8:00
TAKERS (PG–13) 2:20, 5:00, 7:35
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EAT PRAY LOVE (PG–13) 3:25, 7:00
LOTTERY TICKET (PG–13) 2:40, 5:30, 8:15
THE EXPENDABLES (R) 2:35, 5:35, 8:30

AMC Loews White Flint

Kensington — www.amctheatres.com

GOING THE DISTANCE (R) 1:45, 4:15, 7:30
THE AMERICAN (R) 1:00, 3:30, 6:00, 8:30
EAT PRAY LOVE (PG–13) 1:15, 4:30, 7:45
THE SWITCH (PG–13) 2:00, 5:00, 8:15
INCEPTION (PG–13) 1:30, 4:45, 8:00

AMC Magic Johnson Capital Center

Largo — www.amctheatres.com

THE TOWN (R) 12:00 A.M.
RESIDENT EVIL: AFTERLIFE 3D (R) 11:00, 12:00, 1:30, 2:30, 4:05, 5:10, 6:50, 7:45, 9:25, 10:10, 12:00
DEVIL (PG–13) 12:00 A.M.
GOING THE DISTANCE (R) 1:10, 4:10, 7:00, 9:30
MACHETE (R) 11:20, 12:40, 2:00, 3:40, 4:40, 6:40, 7:40, 9:35, 10:15
TAKERS (PG–13) 11:05, 12:20, 1:40, 3:20, 4:35, 6:20, 7:20, 9:00, 10:00
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THE EXPENDABLES (R) 2:40, 8:00
PIRANHA (R) 12:30, 3:00, 5:30, 8:05, 10:25
STEP UP 3 (PG–13) 12:05, 5:20, 10:30

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MACHETE (R) 2:20, 4:50, 7:25, 9:50
GOING THE DISTANCE (R) 1:40, 4:40, 7:40, 10:05
THE LAST EXORCISM (PG–13) 2:55, 5:10, 7:20, 9:30
NANNY MCPHEE RETURNS (PG) 2:00, 4:30
EAT PRAY LOVE (PG–13) 1:00, 4:00, 7:10, 10:10
THE EXPENDABLES (R) 8:00, 10:25
THE OTHER GUYS (PG–13) 2:50, 5:20, 7:50, 10:20
INCEPTION (PG–13) 12:50, 3:55, 7:00, 10:05
THE TWILIGHT SAGA: ECLIPSE (PG–13) 1:10, 3:50, 6:40, 9:25
TOY STORY 3 (G) 1:45, 4:15

Regal Majestic Cinema

Silver Spring — www.regmovies.com

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WHAT IF ... (PG) 2:50, 5:35, 8:15, 10:55
FLIPPED (PG) 3:05, 5:40, 8:05, 10:25
MACHETE (R) 1:05, 3:25, 5:50, 6:50, 8:30, 9:20, 11:00, 11:40
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GOING THE DISTANCE (R) 1:20, 2:20, 5:00, 7:25, 10:00
THE AMERICAN (R) 2:15, 4:50, 7:15, 10:05
TAKERS (PG–13) 1:15, 2:45, 3:35, 5:30, 6:05, 7:20, 8:00, 8:55, 9:50, 10:30, 11:35
THE LAST EXORCISM (PG–13) 2:10, 4:20, 6:30, 8:40, 10:50
PIRANHA (R) 1:40 P.M.
LOTTERY TICKET (PG–13) 3:55, 6:20, 8:50, 11:10
EAT PRAY LOVE (PG–13) 3:15, 6:15, 9:15
SCOTT PILGRIM VS. THE WORLD (PG–13) 3:45, 6:35, 9:05
THE EXPENDABLES (R) 2:05, 4:30, 7:05, 9:30, 11:45
THE OTHER GUYS (PG–13) 1:10, 3:40, 6:40, 9:10
INCEPTION (PG–13) 2:35, 6:10, 9:25
DESPICABLE ME (PG) 1:30, 4:00
THE TWILIGHT SAGA: ECLIPSE (PG–13) 1:50, 4:45, 7:50, 10:45
TOY STORY 3 (G) 1:55, 4:40

Regal Royale Stadium

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MICHAEL HURST

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museum.

National Museum of African Art: "Grass Roots: African Origins of an American Art," this traveling exhibit highlights the coiled basket, through Nov. 28. 950 Independence Ave. SW; 202-633-4600, Nmafa.si.edu.

National Museum of American History: "Paper Engineering: Fold, Pull, Pop & Turn," through Sept. 1, 2011. Ongoing exhibitions include "The Star-Spangled Banner: The Flag That Inspired the National Anthem"; "Abraham Lincoln: An Extraordinary Life"; "Lighting a Revolution"; "On the Water: Stories From Maritime America"; "Bon Appétit! Julia Child's

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Alternatives

When you think smooth and cheesy, you may think of a Barry White ballad. But at some of the capital region's best restaurants, chefs are also incorporating incredible spreadable cheeses into their most delectable dishes. These smooth stars of the dairy world add an element of scrumptious creaminess that's impossible to deny no matter how they're being used.

Haidar Karoum, chef and owner of Proof, takes his restaurant's cheese program very seriously, spending an hour or two every day talking to his purveyors to choose the 24 ever-changing selections on his menu. Karoum is always figuring out new ways to highlight personal favorites, such as the buttery smooth burrata.

"I can just put it on a plate with really good olive oil, sea salt and maybe a little cracked black pepper," he said "Because that's all it needs." But he gussies the burrata up a bit in his latest appetizer, spreading the soft cheese on a crunchy slice of crostini and layering it with seasonal baby-sized heirloom tomatoes, zucchini and yellow squash, and adding a light vinaigrette. "We're being very respectful with this dish," Karoum said. "The showcase is the cheese; everything else is just a vehicle."

Burrata also is at ChurchKey, where executive chef Kyle Bailey uses it alongside mozzarella in his interpretation of the classic Italian panzanella salad. For Bailey, using different kinds of cheeses makes his work interesting — and it keeps customers engaged. "We want to always have goat, cow and sheep cheeses on the menu that go from light to heavy," Bailey said. "We want a real range for people to explore."

Don't be fooled by all the pesky vegetables: The burrata salad from Proof is all about the cheese. The veggies and the crostini are present only to complement the flavors of the burrata cheese.

NEVIN MARTELL

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— **HAIDAR KAROUM,** CHEF AND OWNER OF PROOF RESTAURANT, ON FOCUSING HIS CHEESE DISHES

Over at Restaurant Eve in Alexandria, chef Cathal Armstrong usually has 200 pounds of cheese on hand. Since the cheese menu changes weekly, he's always trying to introduce his diners to new options.

"I try to keep away from what may be the most famous cheeses," he said. "After all, you can get camembert anywhere." When it comes to spreadable options, he's most inclined to use locally produced and ash-wrapped Pipe Dreams chèvre. The nutty, creamy cheese stars in a seasonal salad that takes heirloom beets and dresses them with beet vinaigrette and a slice of chèvre. "The flavors naturally complement each other," Armstrong said.

But no matter where or how you get your spreadable cheese fix, the creamy goodness can be addictive. Like Barry White once sang, "I'm never gonna give you up." And, really, who would want to?

NEVIN MARTELL

- ***Proof, 775 G St., NW; 202-737-7663, Proofdc.com***
- ***ChurchKey, 1337 14th St. NW; 202-567-2576, Churchkeydc.com.***
- ***Restaurant Eve, 110 S. Pitt St., Alexandria; 703-706-0450, Restauranteve.com.***

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FABULOUS FROMAGE: BRING THESE EASY CHEESES HOME

If you want to pick up a few spreadable cheeses on your next shopping trip, there are plenty of reasonably priced and easy-to-find options out there. That way, you don't need to turn into Sherlock Holmes or blow your budget in order to eat like a cheese aficionado.

BELGIOIOSO BURRATA

When you cut into this hand-formed ball, you pierce its mozzarella shell and reveal a creamy interior, which gently gushes out. This Italian specialty is best eaten at room temperature with few other ingredients so it can be truly appreciated. **Online:** Belgioioso.com

ALOUETTE'S HICKORY SMOKED BRIE

Brie is a classic that everybody knows, but this smoky version elevates the French standard to the next level. Try this on water crackers with prosciutto or smoked salmon if you want a simple, but elegant, appetizer. **Online:** Alouettecheese.com

CYPRESS GROVE CHÈVRE LOG

Don't be intimidated by the word "chèvre" in the cheese case — it simply means "goat" in French. An easy way to prepare it is to roll it in toasted nuts and herbs, then cut it into discs and serve it on crackers. **Online:** Cypressgrovechevre.com

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The Fizzle Formula

Flavorful, homemade soft drinks pop up on various restaurant menus around town

SUEMEDHA SOOD

Pho 75 in Arlington offers three Vietnamese-inspired sodas worth trying: salty plum, fresh lemonade and salty lemonade.

Carbonation

Few beverages are as refreshing as ice-cold, fizzy, homemade sodas. These drinks are free from the high-fructose corn syrup and phosphoric acid of fountain drinks, so you can actually feel good about drinking them. Plus, they have the added benefit of being completely customizable.

We the Pizza on Capitol Hill has 12 original sodas on its menu. In addition to re-creating classics such as cola and ginger ale, it's experimented with new drinks such as Vietnamese coffee soda and egg cream soda. Chef-manager Mike Colletti says he and owner Spike Mendelsohn wanted We the Pizza to follow the precedent set by their first D.C. restaurant, Good Stuff Eatery, the burger joint next door. "At Good Stuff, the milk shakes really complement the burgers. So here, we wanted beer and soda to really complement the pizza."

Each soda recipe builds on a base of cane sugar simple syrup. The most popular summer soda, Jupina Pineapple, is made by blending simple syrup with fresh pineapple puree, muddling cilantro and whole pineapple, and mixing it all together with ice and carbonated water, Colletti said. A more dessert-appropriate drink can be found in the Good Morning Vietnamese Coffee. They roast Cafe du Monde coffee, brew it, and add condensed milk, simple syrup and carbonated water.

Ginger lovers craving a strong, spicy drink should head to Sumah's Restaurant in Shaw. There, chef-owner Sumah Amara blends up a West African-style ginger beer using plenty of fresh ginger, lemon, sugar, carbonated water and "secret herbs."

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Where to Drink

- We the Pizza, 305 Pennsylvania Ave. SE; 202-544-4008. (Capitol South)
- Sumah's Restaurant, 1727 7th St. NW; 202-462-7309. (Shaw/Howard University)
- Bourbon, 2321 18th St. NW; 202-332-0800. (Woodley Park/Adams Morgan)
- Founding Farmers, 1924 Pennsylvania Ave. NW; 202-822-8783. (Foggy Bottom)
- Pho 75, 1721 Wilson Blvd., Arlington; 703-525-7355. (Courthouse)

If you're looking to add a boozy kick to your ginger drink, Bourbon in Adams Morgan makes a deliciously flavorful "GingerAle" that fits bourbon like a glove. Bartender James Woods adds eucalyptus, coriander, black peppercorn, dried orange peel, chili powder "and love" to a base of diced ginger, sugar and water. Woods says the Dark and Stormy and Pimm's Cups are his two most commonly ordered ginger ale cocktails.

Another bar concocting homemade sodas is Founding Farmers in Foggy Bottom. Its bartenders have whipped up a blood-orange soda that goes especially well with floral gins.

For a completely different kind of carbonated drink, Pho 75 in Arlington, the best pho spot in the D.C. area, offers three Vietnamese drinks worth trying: salty plum soda, fresh lemonade soda and salty lemonade soda. "Salty plum" is really pickled plum, meant to last without refrigeration, and the soda has a mix of sweet, sour and savory flavors. While the salty lemonade may more popular with folks from Southeast and South Asia accustomed to mixing lemon and salt, the sweet lemonade soda is an all-around crowd-pleaser. Pho 75's menu currently features uncarbonated versions of these drinks. But, if you ask nicely, they may be able to bring out the bubbly. SUEMEDHA SOOD

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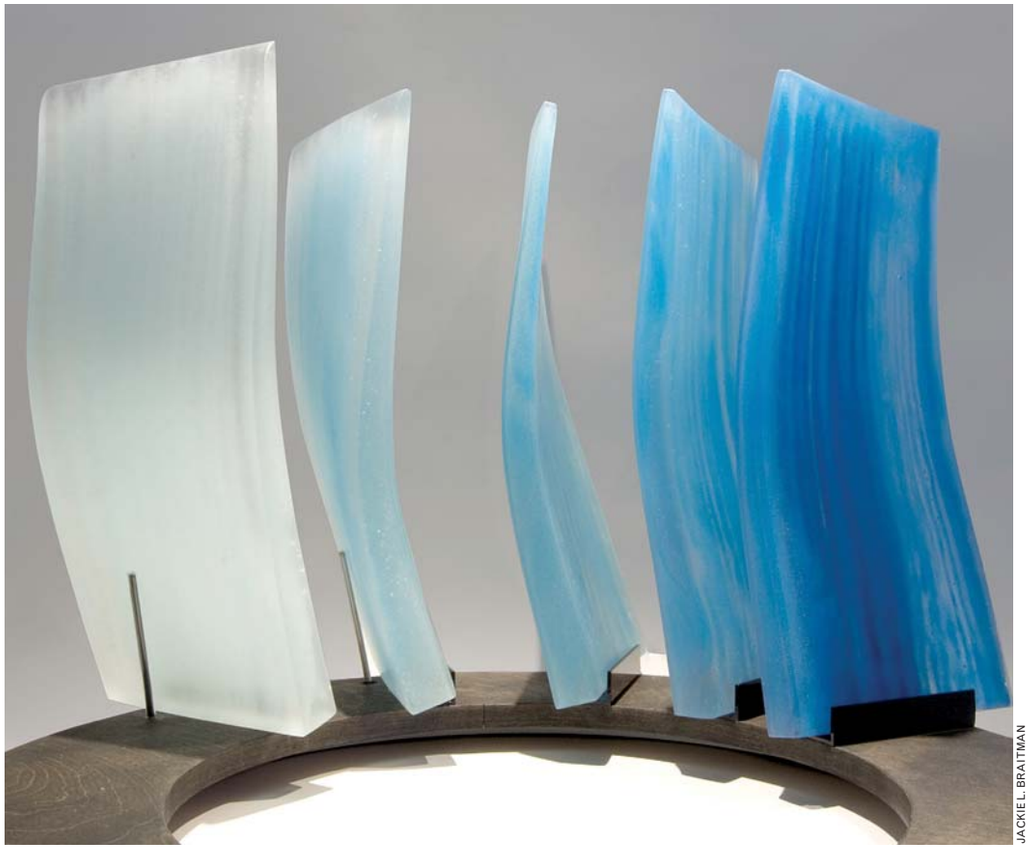

JACKIE L. BRAITMAN

GLASS HOUSE: Important note: If you have a clumsy streak, you might want to stay far away from the works in Zenith Gallery's latest solo show. Showcasing the work of self-taught artist Jackie L. Braitman, the exhibit titled "Transparency" consists of colorful small- and large-scale glass sculptures that evoke movement with slight angles and curved surfaces.

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Kitchen at the Smithsonian"; and many more. 14th Street & Constitution Avenue NW; 202-633-1000, Americanhistory.si.edu.

National Museum of the American Indian: "Up Where We Belong: Native Musicians in Popular Culture" through Jan. 2; Displays about the history and culture of American Indians, permanent collection. 4th Street & Independence Avenue SW; 202-633-1000, Nmai.si.edu.

National Museum of Natural History: "Written in Bone: Forensic Files of the 17th-Century Chesapeake," through Jan. 2013, other permanent exhibitions. 10th Street & Constitution Avenue NW; 202-633-1000, Mnh.si.edu.

National Museum of Women in the Arts: "Books Without Words — The Visual Poetry of Elisabetta Gut," the exhibit presents 22 artists' books, collage-poems, book objects and object poems by Gut, through Jan. 16. 1250 New York Ave. NW; 202-783-5000, Nmwa.org.

National Portrait Gallery: "From FDR to Obama: Presidents on Time," through Sept. 26; "Americans Now," through June 19. Other permanent exhibitions. 8th & F streets NW; 202-633-8300, Npg.si.edu.

Newseum: "Inside Tim Russert's Office: If It's Sunday, It's 'Meet the Press,'" "First Dogs: Presidential Pets in the White House," both through Dec. 31. "Athlete: the Sports Illustrated Photography of Walter looss," through Jan. 16; "Elvis! His Groundbreaking, Hip-Shaking, Newsmaking Story," through Feb. 14. Ongoing permanent exhibitions illustrating the role of a free press in a free society. 555 Pennsylvania Ave. NW; 888-639-7386, Newseum.org.

The Phillips Collection: "Side by Side: Oberlin's Masterworks at the Phillips," through Jan. 16. 1600 21st St. NW; Phillipscollection.org.

Projects 4 Gallery: "Landmarks," paintings and drawings by Beau Chamberlain, through Oct. 16. 1353 U St. NW; 202-232-4340, Project4gallery.com.

Pyramid Atlantic Art Center: "Director's Cut," 10 artist favorites of WPG director Annie Turner, through Sept. 26. 8230 Georgia Ave., Silver Spring; 301-273-3660, Washington-printmakers.com.

Renwick Gallery: "The Art of Gaman: Arts and Crafts From the Japanese American Internment Camps, 1942-1946," through Jan. 30; ongoing exhibitions. 1661 Pennsylvania Ave. NW; 202-633-1000, Americanart.si.edu/renwick.

S. Dillon Ripley Center: "The Healing Power of Art: Works of Art by Haitian Children After the Earthquake," children express their feelings about the earthquake through art. 1100 Jefferson Drive SW; 202-633-1000, Si.edu/ripley.

Smithsonian American Art Museum: "Christo and Jeanne-Claude: Remembering the Running Fence," through Sept. 26. "Pheon" a

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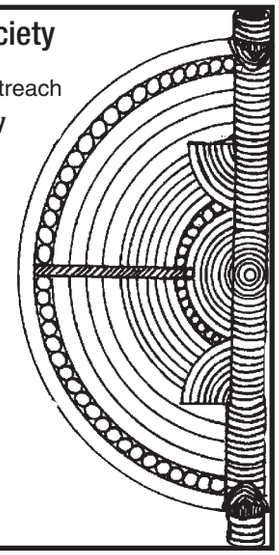

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The Textile Museum: "The Art of Living: Textile Furnishings From the Permanent Collection," through Jan. 9. 2320 S St. NW; 202-667-0441, Textilemuseum.org.

Torpedo Factory Art Center: "Systems Failure," an exhibition examining the crises facing people today, through Sept. 26; "Foreclosed Dreams," "House of String," both through Sept. 30. 105 N. Union St., Alexandria; 703-838-4565, Torpedofactory.org.

Tryst: Large and small-scale paintings from artists Michael Hurst, through October 2. 2459 18th St. NW; 202-232-5500.

U.S. Botanic Garden: "Spuds Unearthed," through Oct. 11; permanent

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What Would Peter and Paul Do?

IAN ARMSTRONG

REVELATIONS: Now playing at Church Street Theater, playwright Erik Ehn's "The Saints Plays" places saints in contemporary situations and finally puts an end to the burning question of how a saint would act during the Civil War.

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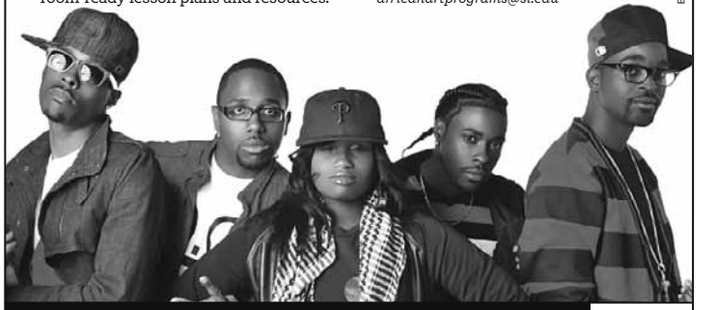

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The Walters Art Museum: "Games, Gizmos & Toys in the Attic" features early photographs, models and book illustrations by children's book author Walter Wick, opens Sun., through Jan 2. 600 N. Charles St., Baltimore; 410-547-9000, TheWalters.org.

Washington Historical Society: "Porous Borders," exhibition of sculptures by various artists to show interconnections despite borders and boundaries, through Dec. 5. 801 K St. NW; 202-686-8696, Washingtonsculptors.org.

Woodrow Wilson House: "The Art of First Lady Ellon Axson Wilson: American Impressionist," through April 10. 2340 S St. NW; 202-387-4062, Woodrowwilsonhouse.org.

Zenith Gallery: "Autumn Equinox," sculptures, paintings and three-dimensional mixed media works by new Zenith artists, through Nov. 28. "Transparency," glass sculpture by Jackie Braitman, through Sept. 30. 1111 Pennsylvania Ave. NW; 202-783-2963, Zenithgallery.com.

Stage

All's Well That Ends Well: Shakespeare's comedy about love and deception stars Oscar Nominee, Marsha Mason, through Oct. 24. $63-$80. Sidney Harmon Hall, 450 7th St. NW; 202-547-1122, Shakespearetheatre.org.

Aziz Ansari: Comedian Aziz Ansari of NBC's "Parks and Recreaction" and "Human Giant" fame brings his unique brand of comedy to D.C. Fri., 7:30 & 10:30 p.m., $35. Warner Theatre, 1299 Pennsylvania Ave.; 202-783-4000, Warnertheatre.com.

Casino Paradise & Trouble in Tahiti: A double-bill about longing, illusion, gangsters and greed that opens Sat., through Oct. 2, $20-$39. The In Series, 1835 14th St. NW; 202-204-7760, Inseries.org.

Chess: A musical featuring Cold War intrigue, forbidden romance and 1980s rock 'n' roll, through Oct. 3, $55-$81. Signature Theatre, 4200 Campbell Ave., Arlington; 703-573-7328, Signature-theatre.org.

Circle Mirror Transformation: The Obie Award-winning play about an amateur theater class in rural Vermont, through Oct. 17, $35-$65. Studio The-

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atre, 1501 14th St. NW; 202-232-7267, Studiotheatre.org.

Dinner With Friends: Donald Margulies' rueful comedy about dealing with divorce, through Sept. 26, $26-$54. Olney Theatre Center, 2001 Sandy Spring Road, Olney, Md.; 301-924-3400, Olneytheatre.org.

SATURDAY ONLY **EDGEWORKS Dance Theaters' 10th Anniversary Kick-Off Performance:** Award-winning choreographer Helanius J. Wilkins leads the EDGEWORKS Dance Theater as it celebrates its 10th anniversary season. Sat., 7 p.m., $15-$25, American Dance Institute, 1570 East Jefferson St., Rockville, Md. 301-984-3003, Americandance.org.

Glimpses of the Moon: A Jazz-Age musical based on the book by Edith Wharton, through Oct. 17, $25-$48. MetroStage, 1201 North Royal St., Alexandria; 800-494-8497, Metrostage.org.

SATURDAY ONLY **Golden Dragon Acrobats From China:** An internationally recognized Chinese acrobatic troupe takes its act to Wolf Trap. Sat., 7 p.m., $15-$38, Wolf Trap. 1645 Trap Road, Vienna, Va. 1-877-965-3872, Wolftrap.org.

The Great Game: Afghanistan: Twelve short plays in a three-part series on Afghan culture and history, through Sept. 25, $50. Shakespeare Theatre Company, 610 F St. NW; 202-547-1122, shakespearetheatre.org.

LAST CHANCE **In the Next Room, or the Vibrator Play:** Sara Ruhl's play about newfangled Victorian methods of curing hysteria in women, through Sun., $30-$65. Woolly Mammoth Theatre, 641

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MAE: Icon Mae West returns to Earth to tell an unsuccessful impersonator about her life, through Oct. 2, $15-$25, Flashpoint's Mead Theatre Lab, 916 G St. NW; 202-315-1305, Flashpointdc.org.

Mauritius: A thrilling tale of high-risk stamp collecting, through Oct. 3, $15-$25. 1st Stage, 1524 Spring Hill Road McLean, Va.; 703-854-1856, 1ststagetysons.org.

Ovo: Cirque du Soleil brings it's newest, insect-themed production to Washington, through Oct. 24, $60-$255. Under the Grand Chapiteau at National Harbor; 6742 Oxon Hill Road, Hunts Corner; Cirquedusoleil.com.

Play Nice: A play about a poisoned mother and the children who might have done the deed, through Sept. 26. Venus Theatre, 21 C St., Laurel, Md.; 202-236-4078, Venustheatre.org.

The Saint Plays: Six short plays about life's crossroads and where faith comes in, opens Thu., through Oct. 10. Church Street Theater, 1722 Church St. NW; 202-265-3767.

School House Rock Live!: Classic Schoolhouse Rock songs such as "I'm Just a Bill" and "Conjunction Junction" hit the stage through Sept. 26, $9-$18. The Arts Barn, 311 Kent Square Road; 301-258-6394, Gaithersburgmd.gov/artsbarn.

Something You Did: A political drama about an anti-war activist's attempt to win early release from prison, through Oct. 3, $35-$55. Theater J, 1529 16th St. NW; 800-494-8497, Theaterj.org.

The Talented Mr. Ripley: Patricia Highsmith's thriller, brought to the stage, through Sept. 26, $10-$60. Round House Theatre, 4545 East-West Hwy, Bethesda; 240-644-1100, Roundhousetheatre.org.

The Tenth Man: Paddy Chayefsky's romantic comedy about a Jewish exorcism of a young woman, opens Fri, through Oct. 16, $30-35. Gunston Theatre Two, 2700 South Lang St., Arlington; 703-998-4555, Americancentury.org.

SATURDAY ONLY The Ugly Duckling: Children help tell Hans Christian Andersen's story of a duckling that is transformed into a beautiful swan, free. The National Theatre, 1321 Pennsylvania Ave. NW; 202-783-6854, Nationaltheatre.org.

Un Ballo in Maschera: Verdi's opera about a Swedish king who goes to a deadly masquerade, opens Sat., through Sept. 25, $25-$300. Kennedy Center, 2700 F St. NW; 202-467-4600, Kennedycenter.org.

Con Artist Gone Wild

DANISHA CROSBY

BAD BOY: Adapted for the stage by Phyllis Nagy, "The Talented Mr. Ripley" at Round House Theatre doesn't feature cinema stars. Still, it delivers the mystery that made the 1999 film starring Matt Damon and Gwyneth Paltrow so popular.

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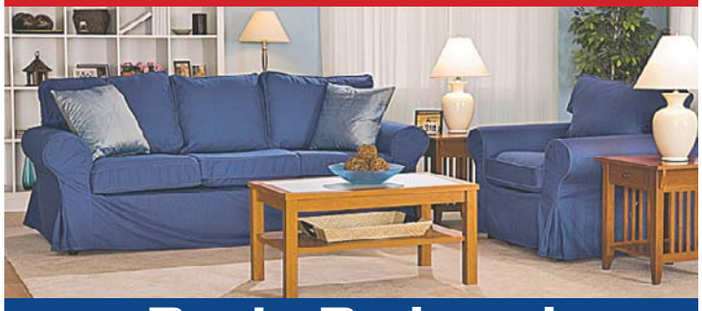

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With this season's supersized, hour-and-a-half "Project Runway," one minute I'm into the show, the next, I'm out, catching Z's. I awake refreshed and ready for a heartwarming spin-off: "On the Road with Austin and Santino," at 10:30 p.m. on Lifetime.

On "PR's" Season 1, Austin Scarlett made a chic corn-husk dress. He favors ascots and jodhpurs. Season 2 alum Santino Rice specialized in edgy designs and Tim Gunn impersonations.

By Marc Silver

In their 14-episode series, the pals drive to out-of-the-way towns like Antler, Okla., to create a "wow" dress for a fashion-deprived gal. Tonight's recipient is a truck driver marking her second wedding anniversary. Scarlett is charmingly dramatic: "As much as I'd love to relax in the yurt, we must get to town and get some fabric." Santino is very sardonic: Deft wee fingers "are why child labor is so desirable in the fashion industry." Or when he rides Bucky the donkey: "I owned that ass."

The designers make time for fun — waterskiing, skipping while holding hands — then toil all night. Their garments are lovely. The women rejoice. In the increasingly acerbic reality TV landscape, "Austin and Santino" is truly a fashion fairy tale.

@ Comments? Give Marc your feedback: **expressnightout.com/muse**

Wacky World of Fred

The teen YouTube sensation broadens his reach — by moving into mainstream TV

Personalities

Lucas Cruikshank, the potential future of adolescent comedy, steamrolls onto the screen, a mixture of flounce and tightly coiled energy, doing Fred Figglehorn.

"OH MY GOD IT'S FRIII-IDAAAAY!" he shrieks to the camera. His voice (digitally altered) sounds like he's been sucking helium. "Hey! Say that fast and it sounds like Fred Day! Friday, Fred Day, Friday, Fred Day. ... Oh, my God, did they decide this week to make the week the weekend and the weekend the week? ... I think they might do that!"

Fred Figglehorn is possibly the most famous character you are not watching.

This is a movie based on one of the most successful YouTube characters of all time. Cruikshank's videos regularly score millions of hits. He is possibly the most famous character that you are not watching, and on Saturday night, Fred is coming to a bigger screen. "Fred: the Movie," debuts on Nickelodeon.

Reached by telephone a few days before he and his parents are scheduled to fly from their home in Nebraska to Los Angeles, 17-year-old Cruikshank is asked how he thinks Fred got so big.

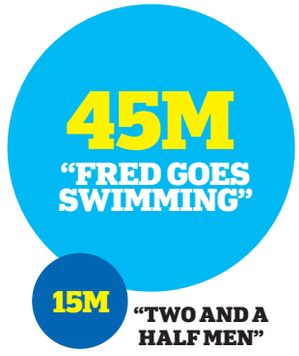
"I thought I would make, like, 50 people laugh," he says, bubbly and humbly.

YOUTUBE

From top, Lucas Cruikshank goes swimming, loses his meds and goes to the dentist.

By the Viewers

The number of views of Cruikshank's "Fred Goes Swimming" YouTube video dwarfs the average number of viewers of "Two and a Half Men," last year's most popular sitcom. (TWP)



Fred is a spastic 6-year-old living with his mother, who — like most people in Fred's world — we never meet. She's a cruddy parent, which the audience understands but Fred doesn't. His life is one long embarrassment, guided by his love for his neighbor Judy. He's occasionally pitiable but has anger issues: "I'm going to start her house on fire," he announces when Judy has been mean. "Just kidding."

Fred's channel is YouTube's second-most popular, with nearly 2 million subscribers. Variety recently listed Cruikshank as one of the top 10 comedians to watch; the Hollywood Reporter named him one of the 50 most powerful people in digital media.

Adaptation

Fred Does Film

The plot of "Fred: the Movie: is basically an extended Fredisode: Fred learns that Judy has moved across town, goes to visit her and is crushed when she excludes him from a housewarming party. He caps off the evening by vomiting on her dress — in the story's meta nod, the moment becomes a viral hit on YouTube — then throws his own party. He enlists nerdy Bertha, the Duckie to his Molly Ringwald, to create the most awesome shindig ever attended by two tweens and one drunk mom. The production has muscle behind it: It was developed by Brian Robbins, who also worked on "One Tree Hill" and "Smallville." (TWP)

The passion with which people embrace Fred's grating personality is equaled only by the passion with which others hate it.

"Stay awesome!" writes one responder to a Fred video.

Another responds: "I feel like I am being strangled by cats."

Says Margie Cohn, Nickelodeon's president of original programming and development: "He's just hit a chord someplace." MONICA HESSE (THE WASHINGTON POST)

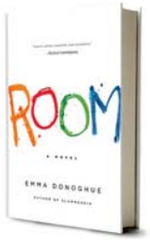
Revelations in a Garden Shed

A young narrator is our guide to a hellish existence in 'Room'

Book Review

Everything about Emma Donoghue's "Room" sounds mawkish and sadistic, as though she's arriving late to the popular genre of child-abuse thrillers. But don't bother if those lurid books are your thing, and please keep reading if you'd enjoy one of the most affecting and subtly profound novels of the year.

You'll recognize the premise of "Room" from several sensational news stories, including the horrific experience of Elisabeth Fritzl, the Austrian who was imprisoned by her incestuous father in a makeshift dungeon for 24 years. Using these reports as grim inspiration, Donoghue has invented the abduction of a 19-year-old who's been kept in a garden shed for seven years. This is a story I cannot imagine having any interest in reading.



Except that it's told by the woman's 5-year-old son.

Jack has lived his entire life in the 11-foot-square room, and his mother has devoted every moment to creating a realm for him that's safe and enchanting. Although he's preternaturally observant, he rarely sees the scary man — Old Nick, who makes his mother's bed creak at night while he's "switched off in Wardrobe." While the story is sometimes terrifying, the novel stays focused on Jack.

First Words

Today I'm five. I was four last night going to sleep in Wardrobe, but when I wake up in Bed in the dark I'm changed to five, abracadabra.

We meet Jack on his fifth birthday, when his mother begins revealing to him the outlandish idea that there's a world beyond their tiny cell. "My head's going to burst from all the new things I have to believe," he says. Jack experiences a little Copernican revolution before our eyes, and it's alternately frightening and inspiring to witness.

The Irish-born Donoghue has written eccentric stories before, but "Room" — shortlisted for the Booker Prize last week — should appeal to an even larger audience.

RON CHARLES (THE WASHINGTON POST)

WildwifeWatch

Private Battle

"Real Housewives of D.C." star **Michaele Salahi** disclosed in a Fox News interview Wednesday that she's had multiple sclerosis for 17 years. "I kept it personal because I never wanted to be judged, never wanted to have pity, and I certainly wanted to hold on to my job," Salahi said. She was promoting Diane Dimond's new book, "Cirque du Salahi." (EXPRESS)

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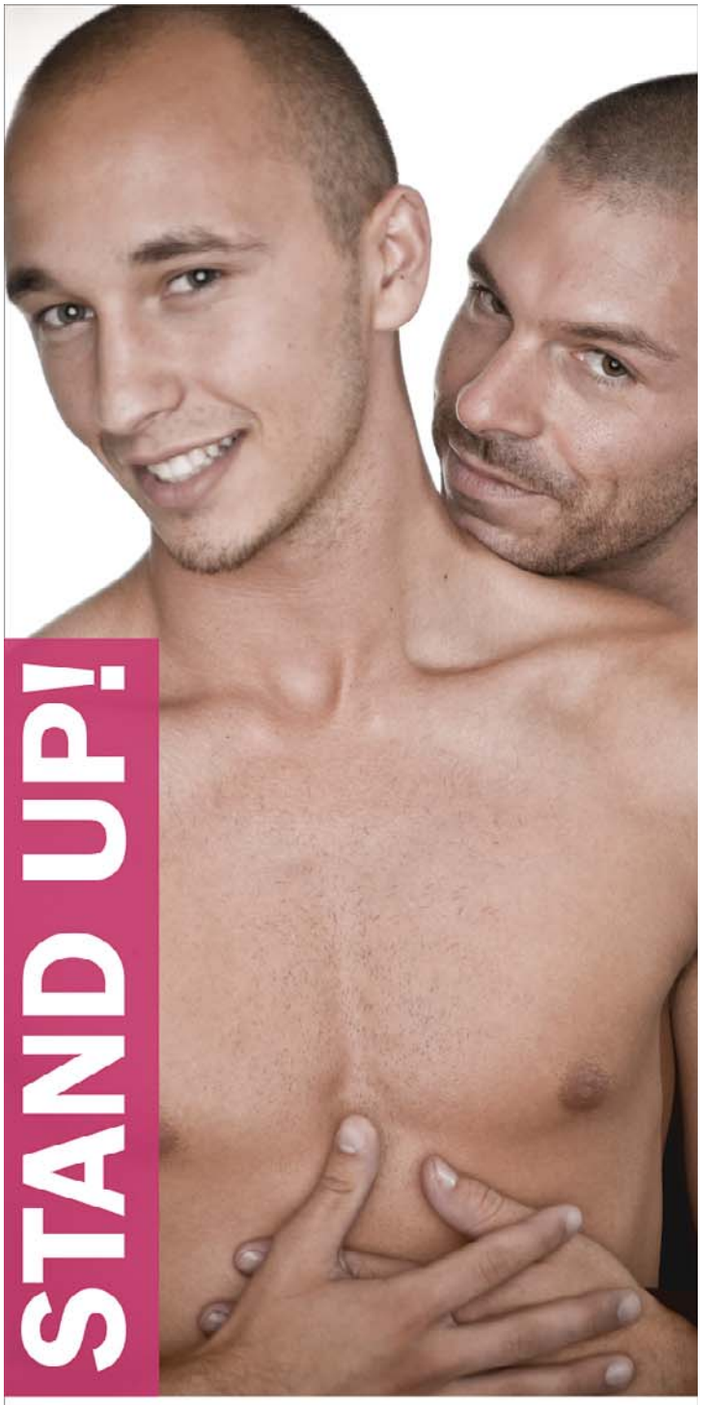

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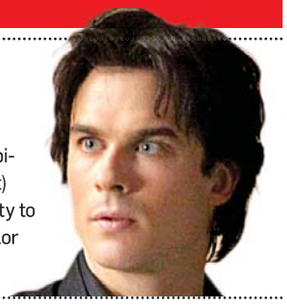

CW 8:00

The Vampire Diares Desperate and confused, Caroline leaves the hospital and rejoins her friends at the carnival. A deeply suspicious Damon (Ian Somerhalder, right) tries to use Tyler's volatile personality to get his uncle, Mason (guest star Taylor Kinney), to reveal his secret.

NBC 9:00

The Apprentice Is The Donald planning a kinder, gentler version of "The Apprentice" this season? Not exactly, but the 16 contestants chosen for these new episodes include people who have been downsized from long-term jobs, and recent college graduates.

CW 9:00

Nikita Nikita tries to thwart Percy and Michael's plan to take a Slavic leader wanted for war crimes into protective custody. Alex (Lyndsy Fonseca, left) gets thrown into a crossfire of bullets when she is activated early for a special assignment. A pivotal moment in Nikita's life is revealed. (TRIBUNE MEDIA)

PATRICK MCELHENNEY/FX

IT'S ALWAYS SUNNY IN PHILADELPHIA

Unholy Matrimony

FX 10:00

The rudely funny, defiantly politically incorrect sitcom "It's Always Sunny in Philadelphia" starts its sixth season in representative form, as Mac (Rob McElhenny, above right) pulls out all the stops to protect the sanctity of marriage, while the rest of the gang reaps the rewards of marital bliss in one way or another in "Mac Fights Gay Marriage." (TM)

Bake-Off

Meat Heads

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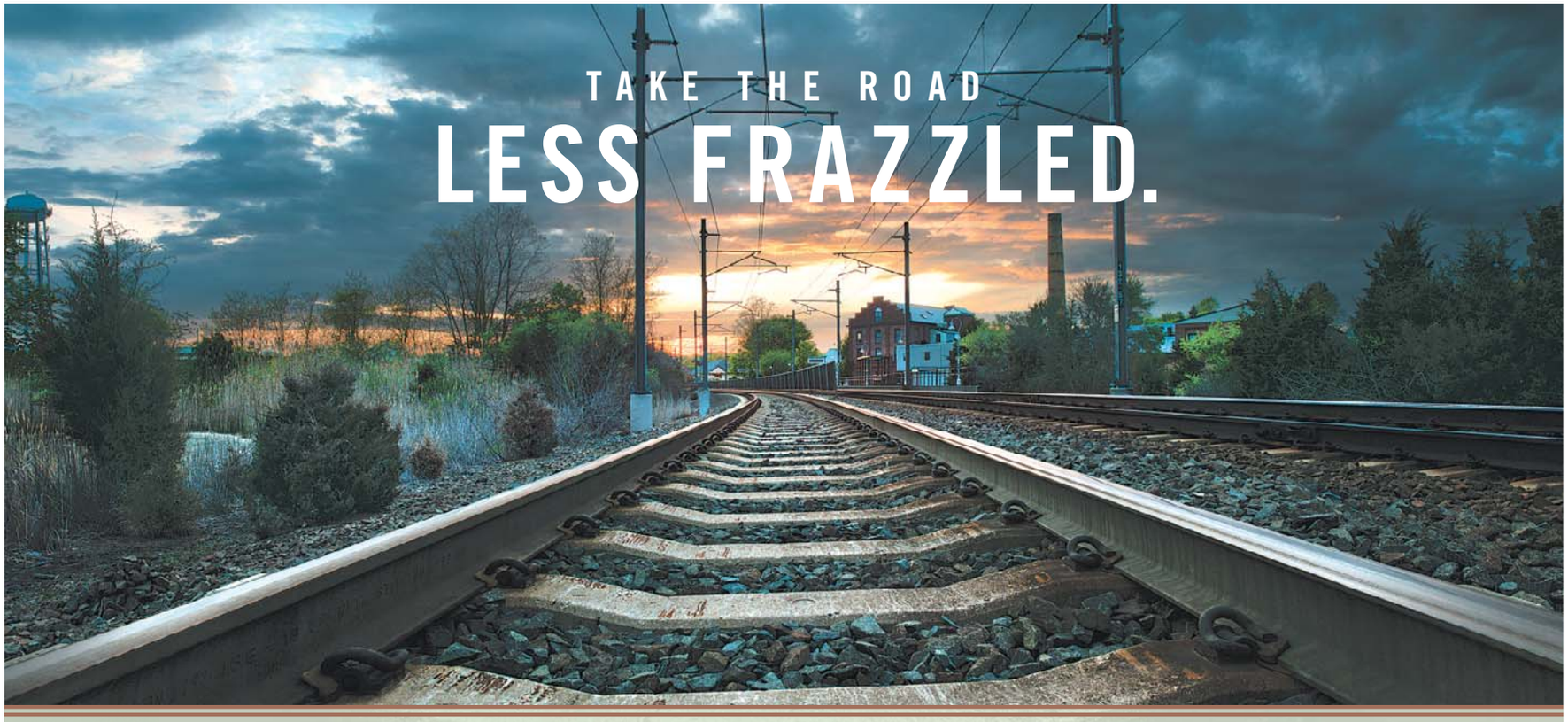

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VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) It's time for you to tend to a personal problem that you have been ignoring for too long. Very soon, it may be too complicated for you.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) It will take more than cleverness to get things done — and to get them done the right way. Dig deep, and stay vigilant.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) There's no reason everyone needs to know what you're up to; what you do in secret may yield the greatest reward.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) A back-and-forth sort of day may end with no firm decision one way or the other. You must be ready to start over the next day.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) An exciting offer comes your way, but you may have to deal with those things that are anything but exciting before exploring this novelty.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) You mustn't let the fact that a co-worker is impressed with you go to your head. You must strive to keep things down-to-earth.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) You may have a hard time keeping things on the straight and narrow, especially toward midday when others tempt you with some mischief.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) You'll have both the time and the resources you need to do those things that you have promised to do. Know your priorities.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Ready cash may not go as far as you had hoped, but you should be able to budget accordingly. Financial surprises are few.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) You've been trying to deal with a broad-based problem by focusing on minute details that don't add up to much. Widen your view.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) You can provide yourself with something special before the day is out, but you had better be prepared to share with others.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) You're likely to receive many signs that point to something that will put you to the test — and, as always, the readiness is all.

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Scrabble Grams

PAR SCORE 145-155, BEST SCORE 202

								RACK 1
O1	O1	U1	T1	T1	S1	M3		
								RACK 2
A1	I1	O1	L1	N1	C3	C3	3rd Letter Triple	
								RACK 3
A1	E1	O1	U1	S1	S1	G2	Double Word Score	
								RACK 4
A1	A1	T1	P3	M3	N1	L1		

Yesterday's Solution

B3	A1	T1	F4	I1	S1	H4	RACK 1 =	65
L1	A1	G2	U1	N1	A1		RACK 2 =	9
T1	U1	R1	M3	O1	I1	L1	RACK 3 =	77
M3	O1	O1	R1	A1	G2	E1	RACK 4 =	60
PAR SCORE 145-155							TOTAL	211

FOUR RACK TOTAL

Make a 2-7 letter word from the letters in each row. Add points of each word using scoring directions at right. 7-letter words get a 50-point bonus. Blank tiles used as any letter have no point value. Scrabble is a trademark of Hasbro in the U.S. and Canada.

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		5	9					7
		3		6	2			
4					5	9		
		7				4		
		9	8					2
			6	2		7		
6					9	8		
	2			7				6

Yesterday's Solution

8	5	1	6	9	4	7	3	2
2	6	4	7	3	8	9	1	5
3	9	7	2	1	5	4	8	6
6	4	3	9	7	2	8	5	1
1	8	2	5	4	6	3	7	9
9	7	5	1	8	3	2	6	4
5	2	9	3	6	7	1	4	8
7	1	8	4	5	9	6	2	3
4	3	6	8	2	1	5	9	7

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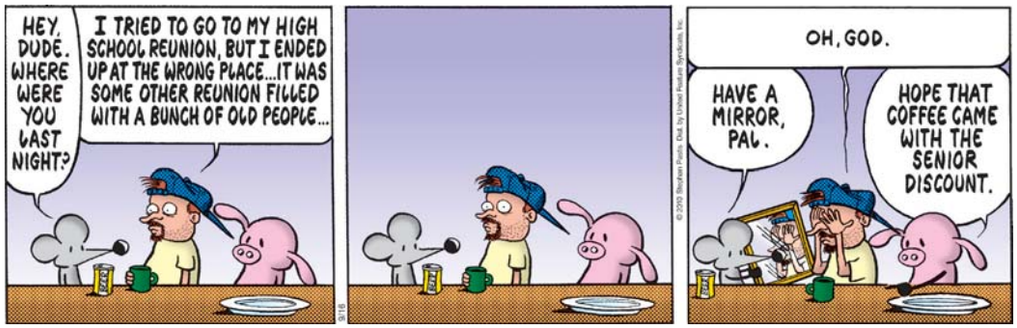

Forecast

88 | 68

Today: Increasing clouds today. A shower or thunderstorm around tonight.

84 | 61

Tomorrow: Partly sunny tomorrow. Clear tomorrow night.

Looking Ahead

SAT	SUN	MON
83 | 65	83 | 61	78 | 61

Sun and Moon
Sunrise today: 6:50 a.m.
Sunset today: 7:15 p.m.
Moonrise today: 3:36 p.m.
Moonset today: 12:22 a.m.

Almanac
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Record low: 43

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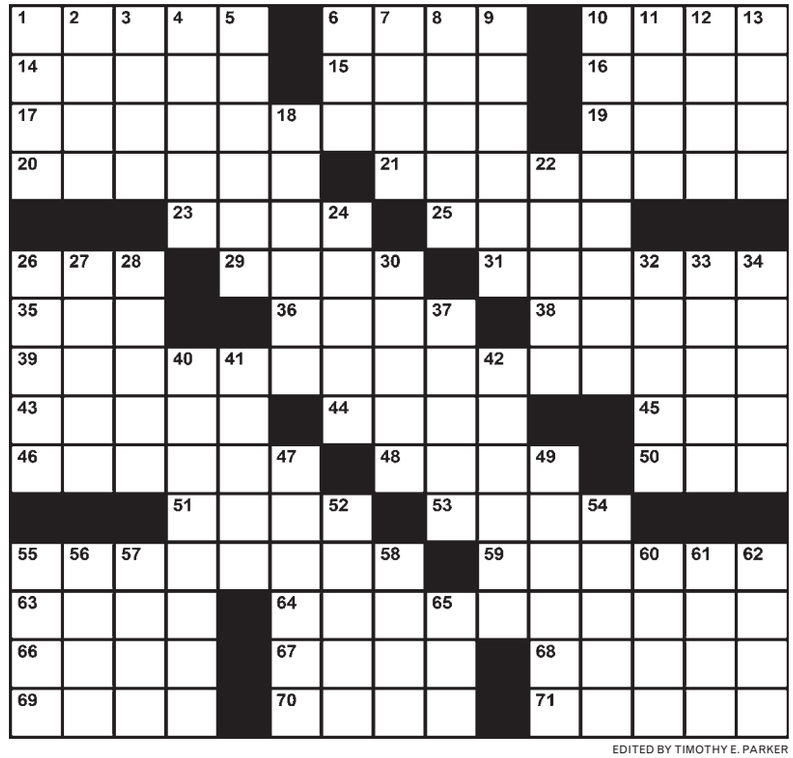

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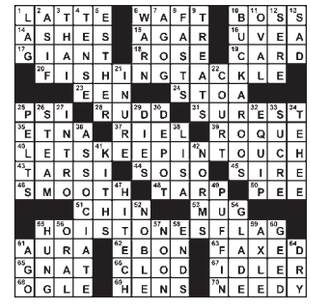
ACROSS

1 City for Miss Kitty
6 Symbol
10 Heavyweight champ Willard
14 Parting word in Spain
15 Atwood's "The Handmaid's ___"
16 Black or fire gem
17 Projectionists?
19 "... in the pot, ___ days old"
20 Fragrant compounds
21 Like some clowns
23 Thin-layered mineral
25 Straight cut
26 Agent's due
29 "I ___ you so!"
31 Repeated exactly
35 Janis of folk-rock
36 Arguments
38 Sesame seed and honey confection
39 Brace oneself for a storm?
43 Toddler's middle name?
44 ___ vera (lotion plant)
45 Quaint lodging spot
46 Bond activity
48 Emulate a stevedore
50 Womanizer of old?
51 Atlantic fish
53 Case for a plumber
55 More schlocky
59 Fortune-teller's cards
63 A Pueblo people
64 What cheerleaders have in a pouring rain?
66 "Don't forget ..."
67 Assert positively
68 Variety-show host
69 Many a Taylor Swift fan
70 Boxing officials
71 Abandon a detente

DOWN

1 "Bet ya can't," e.g.
2 Appreciative verses
3 Weight-loss program
4 Artificial being of Jewish folklore
5 ___ de corps
6 Yamaguchi's 1992 rival
7 Gowns' go-withs
8 Earthenware cooking pots
9 Thread's partner
10 Apple variety
11 Cast-of-thousands film
12 Capable of standing trial
13 Transport on runners
18 Gentleman-at-arms
22 Triangular cape
24 "Hi," in HI
26 Dukes
27 "Finish your food!"
28 Archrival
30 Live (in)
32 Song released on a 45
33 Levels off
34 Fixes a sock, perhaps
37 Honored the flag
40 Carbon monoxide from an engine, e.g.
41 "Dune" director David
42 Quarter deck?
47 Instrument for Atkins
49 Baby seat cover?
52 Really annoy
54 Top quality, as beef
55 Yonder object
56 Actor's pursuit
57 Cathedral recess
58 Shipwreck cause, sometimes
60 "Free Willy" animal
61 Ballpark level
62 Botanical support
65 "___ Robinson"

Yesterday's Solution



Today in History

1908 General Motors is founded in Flint, Mich., by William C. Durant.

1910 Bessica Medlar Raiche makes the first accredited solo airplane flight by a woman in the U.S.

1982 The massacre of hundreds of Palestinians by Israeli-allied Lebanese militiamen begins in west Beirut's Sabra and Chatilla refugee camps.

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Two Women Everyone Loves Are Awesome in Each Other's Presence

Glee star Jane Lynch told Ellen DeGeneres Wednesday that the talk show host inspired her to come out to the public. "I used to lay in bed and go, 'How will I come out or will I come out?'" Lynch said on "The Ellen DeGeneres Show." DeGeneres' coming out "just blazed a trail for me. It really did," Lynch said. "It made it so much easier for me what you did." **(EXPRESS)**

MESSAGES

'Go Shop At Target. Kisses, Taylor'

Taylor Swift is the latest act to offer bonus album content to an exclusive retailer. The country superstar is aligning herself with Target Corp. for the release of her latest album, "Speak Now." The store will offer fans three additional songs, remixed tunes and video content when the album is released Oct. 25. Swift says she tries to give fans bonuses whenever she can, so she is happy to oblige with her third album. "Speak Now" is the follow-up to her Grammy-winning CD "Fearless." **(AP)**

DISCLOSURE

Starter Marriages Aren't Meant to Last

Leann Rimes explained why she cheated on husband Dean Sheremet, in the October issue of Shape magazine. "My relationship with Dean was great, but ultimately it wasn't a fulfilling marriage for either of us," she said. "We got married so young." "I understand why people are disappointed in me, especially since I grew up as America's sweetheart," she added. **(EXPRESS)**

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We didn't ask to hear your excuses.

Dirtbag Digest

Me and My Racist Tattoos Still Exist

Jesse James mistress Michelle McGee has come forward to say she regrets having racist images tattooed on her body. "Am I a racist? Absolutely not," McGee told Radaronline.com regarding the "White Power" and swastika tattoos on her body. Of the latter, "It was very small, not that it makes a difference, but it was covered up," she said. "We all make mistakes," she added. **(EXPRESS)**

"Haven't I earned the right, at this point, to look good?"

—**KATE GOSSELIN** FEELS ENTITLED TO HOTNESS. THE MOTHER/REALITY PERSONAGE APPEARS ON THE COVER OF THE LATEST PEOPLE MAGAZINE IN A BIKINI.

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Bill Maher is grateful for this dumb paving stone with his name on it.

RITES OF PASSAGE

'Thank You. I've Always Wanted Some Sidewalk.'

Political satirist Bill Maher has been immortalized in Hollywood. With Larry King and "Family Guy" producer Seth MacFarlane standing nearby, The HBO "Real Time With Bill Maher" talk show host unveiled his Walk of Fame star Tuesday outside the W Hotel at the corner of Hollywood Boulevard and Vine Street. Maher said he wanted to thank "George Bush, Sarah Palin and the pope." It was the 2,417th star dedicated. **(AP)**

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